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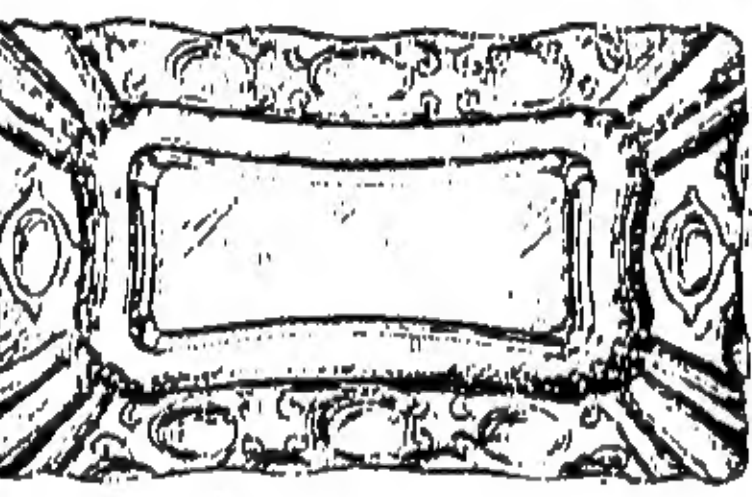
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## CANTONESE METHODS. MOB AS AN INSTRUMENT OF DIPLOMACY.

### Hope For Working Arrangement.

### BRITISH POLICY TO AVOID BLOODSHED.

A hope for a practical working arrangement with the Cantonese in Hankow to enable business to be resumed is expressed by the "Manchester Guardian," which speaks of the mob as an instrument of diplomacy by the Cantonese.

A cable has been received in London from Mr. O'Malley reviewing the existing situation in Hankow from the material viewpoint.

The feeling in London is that all steps must be taken in consultation with the other Treaty Powers, to prevent in Shanghai a repetition of the events in Hankow.

A naval wireless message reports the extension of the strike and boycott to Ichang.

### WARNING TO MR. CHEN.

London, Jan. 14.

The "Manchester Guardian," in an editorial, says that although it is now possible to hope for a practical working arrangement with the Cantonese which would enable business to be resumed in Hankow, and at the same time satisfy the susceptibilities of Cantonese Nationalism, it is impossible to admire the methods whereby the Cantonese achieved this end. To use the mob as an instrument of diplomacy was neither right nor prudent. The coolness and discipline of the British troops saved the situation in Hankow, but similar methods in Shanghai would almost certainly have very different results. This should counsel Mr. Eugene Chen to prudence, but although the circumstances in Shanghai may be peculiar, there is no reason why the British Government should not be guided by the same principles as it has been in relation to Hankow and other parts of China, namely, avoiding bloodshed and coming to a practical working arrangement with whatever Chinese authorities may be in effective local control. Hitherto these principles have worked admirably.—Reuter.

### Cantonese Not Benefited.

London, Jan. 14.

Nothing has been yet heard in official quarters in London from Mr. O'Malley or Sir Miles Lampson. The feeling in London as regards the position generally is that all steps must be taken, in consultation with the other Treaty Powers, to prevent in Shanghai a repetition of the events in Hankow, which clearly did not benefit the Cantonese.

It is pointed out that both the naval and military Commanders on the spot have instructions, and there certainly has been consultation among the Powers, on the subject of China.

As regards the comments in certain quarters regarding the British attitude to China generally it is declared that there is no question of giving up privileges under threats.—Reuter.

### Report is Discounted.

London, later.

Reuter learns that competent quarters in London have duly considered the views on the present situation expressed by the British communities in China, but the importance of the Cabinet's recent meeting concerning China should not be over-emphasised and the reports that the Cabinet has "reached a decision" regarding the defence of Shanghai should be discounted.

Nevertheless the international authorities concerned will do their utmost to defend the foreign settlements in Shanghai if they are threatened by mob violence.

It is emphasised that Great Britain, whilst she does not intend in any way to interfere with internal Chinese politics will use every means in her power to protect the lives and properties of British nationals.

### NAVAL NEWS.

### Boycott Extended to Ichang.

Wireless messages detail the extension of the strike and boycott to Ichang, where anti-British demonstrations have been arranged to take place to-day. Otherwise the situation there remains the same.

"Things are developing much on the same lines as at Hankow," states a wireless message from Kiangsi. Trade is in abeyance. Evacuation of the missionaries from the hill resort of Kuling has commenced.

Women and children, evacuated from Changsha have been transferred to a steamer on arrival at the Tung Ting Lake.

There is no change in the situation at Hankow.—Naval Wireless.

### ORDERLY CONDITIONS.

### Occasional Minor Incidents.

Rugby, Jan. 14.

Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, Commander-in-Chief of the British naval forces in China, reached Nanking yesterday aboard the destroyer "Veteran" and transferred to the gunboat "Gnat" in which he is proceeding to Hankow.

The latest Hankow reports state that little change has occurred there during the last few days. Up to last night orderly conditions prevailed, but practically no business was being done by the British and other foreigners within the British Concession, whilst in the French and Japanese Concessions and in the special areas only slight business was proceeding.

Barriades in the Japanese Concession were demolished by demonstrators, and those in the French Concession have also been removed.

There have been occasional minor incidents in all Concessions, for example, the maltreatment of the Belgian Consul as already reported. An automobile owned by a German was taken from an American garage in the French Concession, supposedly by Chinese soldiers.

On instructions from Rear-Admiral Cameron, commanding the British naval vessels off Hankow, the British male civilians, who number 170, are still accommodated in the Asiatic Petroleum Company's premises on the river front. This building adjoins the British Consulate, which incidentally continued to be occupied by the Consul-General and his staff during the recent disturbances.

Position Complicated. Further details of disturbances indicate that the situation was complicated by the fact that many British men, women, and children were in the residential special areas of Hankow, Ichang and elsewhere outside the British Concession when the demonstrations began on January 3. On January 4, the naval contingent, which with the Volunteers and Police had until then kept the mob outside the Concession, was withdrawn to the vessels under arrangement with the Chinese authorities, whereby the latter undertook to guard part of the Concession boundary with their troops.

During this critical period naval forces were ready for action on pontoons and vessels in the river in case British subjects or property suffered injury. Actually very little looting occurred, and only slight damage was caused in the Municipal Office, and the

## DIVORCE CASE.

### PETITION BY EX-PLANTER'S WIFE.

### DECREE GRANTED.

London, Jan. 14.

A divorce case, where the President, Lord Merrivale, said, that a concise statement of facts should be given and the deterrent of publicity was a factor, concerned a petition by Mrs. Christabel Nora Willis on the ground of the adultery of her husband, Arthur Willis, an ex-planter of Penang, with Mrs. Graham Smith.

The President pointed out that petitioner was the daughter of a man in a position in London. Her husband was unsuccessful in planting in Penang and obtained employment in the house of Graham Smith who was a tea planter in Ceylon and had residences in London and Hampshire. Petitioner was given quarters with her husband in the country, where Mrs. Smith remained after Mr. Smith returned to Ceylon. Petitioner's presence rendered "very inconvenient" the result of relations arising between respondent and Mrs. Smith and petitioner was sent away, against which she protested.

The President declared that petitioner was entitled to a decree nisi with costs.—Reuter.

Police Station, which were apparently the only buildings entered by the mob.

### More Tributes.

The "Times," "Daily Mail," "Daily Express," "Yorkshire Post," and other leading Conservative journals and the whole Liberal Press, in commenting on events in Hankow, express their admiration for the discretion and self-control shown in extremely trying circumstances by the local British authorities and the forces at their disposal. These comments are accompanied by an expression of opinion that all possible measures should be taken by the British and other Governments concerned to secure the International Settlement in Shanghai from any manifestations of mob violence.—British Wireless Service.

### Earlier Cablegrams.

London, Jan. 14.

The "Westminster Gazette" reviews the recent events in China, and concludes that far from British prestige having suffered a shrewd blow, as was at first feared, it would appear the

### \$50 PRIZE.

### "China Mail" Cross-Word Puzzles.

The "China Mail" has pleasure in announcing an entirely new cross-word puzzle competition, with a prize of \$50 which must be won by someone every week. This entertaining competition will begin on Monday, Jan. 17, when full details will be announced.

tables have temporarily turned and the Cantonese Government and forces are now under a cloud. The paper understands that diplomatic communications of a preliminary character are now passing between the Powers.—Reuter.

### A Demonstration.

Shanghai, Jan. 14.  
A Hankow telegram, dated January 13, states that a demonstration was held on the Chinese Race Course to-day in honour of General Chang Kai-shek and the Russian General Galen. To-night a dinner will be given in their honour.—Reuter.

### "Oppressed" Peoples.

Hankow, Jan. 13.

An office has been opened for the reception and registration of the names of all Hindus, Koreans, Annamites, etc., by the "Oppressed Peoples' Brotherhood Friendly Society." Sixty Hindus registered yesterday, of whom 11 were given appointments in the Propaganda section of the Kuomintang. The other 5 are on the waiting list. These Hindus made a procession through the Concession this afternoon, carrying the Nationalist flag, and yelling their slogan.—Reuter.

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## BRITISH POLICY.

### Belgian Views on Memorandum.

### SYMPATHY WITH SENTIMENTS.

### Collective Declaration Inopportune.

Brussels, Jan. 14.

On receiving the British Memorandum on China the Belgian Government immediately expressed its sympathy with the sentiments thereof, particularly as regards the legitimacy of the national aspirations of China and the question of non-intervention with Chinese affairs.

The Belgian Government also declared itself in favour of the immediate and unconditional granting of the Washington surtaxes, also the immediate application of recommendations and reforms as regards extraterritoriality. The Belgian reply was handed to the British Ambassador in Brussels on January 11. It states that the Belgian Government completely shares the British Government's opinion that it is impossible to refuse complete sympathy with the national movement which aims at securing for China a footing of equality among the nations. The Belgian Government is happy to state that this opinion corresponds with that of the French Government, as indicated after the receipt of the Memorandum.

### Traditional Sentiment.

In its attitude to China the Belgian Government has always remained—and will remain—faithful, whatever temporary difficulties may arise to its traditional sentiment of friendship and liberalism. The Belgian delegation at the Washington Conference in 1922 demonstrated the spirit of conciliation of the broadest character, and the Belgian delegates to the Tariff Conference in Peking were instructed to show themselves favourable to a grant of tariff autonomy to China, and to grant it immediately not only the Washington surtaxes but even to agree to taxes higher than those envisaged.

### The Sino-Belgian Treaty.

Recently, in affirming its sole right to modify the Sino-Belgian Treaty of 1865 the Belgian Government proposed, in reply to the Peking Government's request for revision, to negotiate a new Treaty on the basis of equality and of reciprocal respect for sovereign territory pending the moment when the situation in China made these negotiations possible. Belgium simply asked for the establishment of a modus vivendi whereby both nations would reciprocally accord the most favoured nation treatment.

### Claim for Protection.

In the present instance Belgium flatters herself that she has contributed sincerely to the economic progress of this friendly country. Therefore the Belgian Government considers that it has a right—considered as between itself and its nationals is an obligation—to claim for its nationals and Belgian enterprises in China effective protection and treatment not inferior to that accorded to the nationals of other countries. Such treatment is accorded to Chinese subjects and interests freely in Belgium. To refuse it to Belgian subjects in China would place them in a position of inferiority compared with the nationals of other countries and hamper, to the detriment of China itself, the activities which are purely those of commerce collaboration.

### Policy Unchanged.

The Belgian Government is determined to continue to prove by its actions and instructions to its Consular representatives that it has no intention of acting contrary to national aspirations, the legitimacy of which it fully recognises. It confirms its adherence to the immediate and unconditional granting of the Washington surtaxes as proposed by the British and accepted by the French Government. It agrees to the suggestions of the British Government as regards extraterritoriality, since these measures were proposed with the object of demonstrating the loyal intention of the Powers as regards China.

The Belgian Government wonders whether it would not be preferable to apply them only as far as they are really of a kind to satisfy the Chinese people.

### A Joint Declaration?

As regards a collective declaration suggested in the British Memorandum regarding the policy to be followed to China by the signatories of the Washington Treaty, the Belgian Govern-

## STRIKE "INQUEST."

### REPORT OF TRADE UNION CONGRESS COUNCIL.

### MOTIVES EXPLAINED.

London, Jan. 14.

The report of the Council of the Trade Union Congress for the long deferred "inquest" on the general strike in the shape of a special conference of the Executives of the affiliated Unions on January 20, was issued to delegates to-day as a confidential document. It will be published on January 20.

It is understood that it consists of two sections. The first summarises the mining dispute and the course of events to the termination of the Council's motive in calling off the general strike and repudiates certain suggestions thereon.

The second section deals with subsequent events to the end of November, including the Trade Union Council's mediation efforts. It comments outspokenly on the mining dispute, defending the attitude of the Trade Union Council thereto.—Reuter.

## CINEMA SALESMEN.

### ANNUAL CONVENTION IN LONDON.

### A SPEECH BY PHONE.

London, Jan. 14.

Mr. Robert Leiber, President of the First National Pictures, was unable to come to London to preside at the annual Convention of Salesmen of the British branch thereof.

Nevertheless he addressed the Convention telephonically from New York, the Managing Director in London repeating his words to the salesmen.

At the conclusion of the speech between 40 and 50 of these present uttered "short" sentences greetings to the President till the Exchange cut them off after fifteen minutes.—Reuter.

## CINEMA FIRE.

### THREE MEN CRIMINALLY RESPONSIBLE.

### CORONER'S VERDICT.

Montreal, Jan. 14.

The Coroner found the owner, assistant manager, and head usher of the Laurier Cinema Theatre criminally responsible for the deaths of 18 children in the recent fire. The evidence showed that they were responsible for the admission of children unaccompanied by adults, which was contrary to the provincial regulations.—Reuter.

### WEATHER FORECAST.

"East or variable winds, light, fair to foggy" is the weather forecast till noon to-morrow for Hong Kong, the adjacent coast and Formosa Channel.

"Chellaram's store will be converted into a fancy show window to-morrow for the display of goods during the mid-winter sale, which starts on Monday.

A Chinese 41 years of age, alleged to have been a fugitive from No. 41, Centre Street when Senior Revenue Officer G. Watt made an opium raid on the premises, has been taken to hospital with multiple injuries caused by falling off the roof.

ment is of opinion that such declaration is at present neither opportune nor possible. Several Powers have already rejected the proposal. Moreover, it is to be feared, with the frame of mind existing at present in China, that a collective declaration, however wide and liberal, would create more distrust than satisfaction, and, in any case, give rise to erroneous interpretations.

Belgium, however, wishes that in the establishment of a Government, with authority to speak in the name of the sovereign and united Chinese people, the aspirations of the national movement should receive the greatest possible degree of satisfaction by means of agreements willingly reached, which shall at the same time assure all foreigners of the same treatment and the same guarantees.—Reuter.

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Corelaw, from Los Angeles, California.  
Yuenkoshi, from Kobe.  
Franvelin, from New York.  
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E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent.  
Hong Kong Station, Jan. 13, 1926.

### EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO.

List of Unclaimed Telegrams lying in E. E. Telegraph Office, Hong Kong.  
Brownfield H.K. Hotel, from Singapore.  
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Dragon, from Bombay.  
Hiproof, from Chicago.  
Leeing Benhedga, from Vancouver.  
Vatmaler, from Singapore.  
Wymmo, from Annandalestown.  
Zawim, from Multan.  
E. A. LEGGATT, Superintendent.  
Hong Kong, 18th January, 1927.

### NOTICES.

#### HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

MEMBERS wishing seats for the Inter-Port game with Shanghai can have same on application to the undersigned on or before WEDNESDAY, 15th January. Price \$2 per seat.

H. M. McTAVISH,  
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.  
Hong Kong, 13th January, 1927.

### NOTICE.

THE MARRIAGE REGISTRY has been transferred from the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs to the LAND OFFICE, Supreme Court, Hong Kong.

PHILIP JACKS,  
Registrar of Marriages,  
The Marriage Registry  
Supreme Court,  
Hong Kong.  
13th January, 1927.

### NOTICE.

ON and after MONDAY, January 16th, 1927, the Office of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs will be on the first floor of the New Government Building in Connaught Road Central.

E. R. HALLIFAX,  
Secretary for Chinese Affairs,  
Hong Kong, 8th January, 1927.

#### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

#### ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

THE DATE for the closing of entries has been POSTPONED until WEDNESDAY, 26th January, 1927, at 5 p.m.

By Order,  
C. E. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 14th Jan., 1927.

#### HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ENTRIES for the Forthcoming Races close on WEDNESDAY, 26th January, 1927, at 5 p.m. and must be sent to the Secretary, c/o Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before this date. Entry Forms are now ready and can be had at the Jockey Club Stables, Race Course, Hong Kong Club or Linstead & Davis.  
Hong Kong, 14th January, 1927.

#### THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. on THURSDAY, 27th January, 1927, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 14th January to THURSDAY, 27th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
L. S. GREENHILL,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 6th January, 1927.

#### THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on FRIDAY, 28th January, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 18th January, 1927 to FRIDAY, 28th January, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
F. H. CRAPNELL,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hong Kong, January 11th 1927.

#### THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.

THERAPION No. 1  
THERAPION No. 2  
THERAPION No. 3

### MID-AIR BATHS.

#### AN AIRSHIP LIKE A LINER.

#### BALLROOM AND LOUNGE.

The Dominion Premiers had revealed to them at Cardington aerodrome, near Bedford, the secrets of the super-airship R 101, one of the two new 5,000,000 cubic feet dirigibles being built under the Government airship development programme. They had a vision, which is expected to materialise within the next year or 18 months, of the time when it will be as comfortable to travel by air from England to the uttermost parts of the Empire as it is to-day by land and sea.

The R 101 will be a positive aerial hotel. It is designed to accommodate 100 passengers with their luggage and 10 tons of mail. There will be sleeping cabins with two or four berths, promenades, decks, and lounges.



Mme. Luisa Tetrazzini, opera singer, posed for this picture after her marriage to Pietro Vernati, at Florence, Italy. The husband, formerly her tenant, is 25 years younger than she is.

A hardship in travelling by airship hitherto has been the restriction on smoking. A smoking-room in the new airship has been made possible by double lining it with asbestos.

The dining-room will be capable of seating 50 people at one time, and the fully equipped kitchen will make it possible to serve passengers with a five or six-course meal.

There will be a "ground" floor from which the dining-room will be accessible by means of an electric lift. Other features contemplated are shower baths and accommodation for dancing and other amusements, while passengers will probably be able to listen to the wireless programmes of the various countries over which the airship passes.

The method of construction of the main structure is a Government secret. For this reason only the Premiers were allowed to inspect the completed section and a full-size model of the airship.

The present intention is that the airship should be completed at the end of next year or the beginning of 1928, and after her experimental flight she will make a journey to Egypt and India.

### "FOISTED."

#### PUBLISHERS GET \$100 LIBEL DAMAGES.

#### MEANING OF A WORD.

Damages of \$100 were awarded by the jury to Messrs. Methuen and Co., Ltd., publishers, in their libel action brought against Mr. Christopher Selator Millard, a second-hand bookseller of Hampstead, N.W., who published statements that Messrs. Methuen had "foisted" on the public a play, "For Love of the King," as having been written by Oscar Wilde. Mr. Millard also stated that it was done "with the assistance of Mrs. Chan Toon (Mrs. Wodehouse Pearce)," and alleged "For Love of the King" was a "forgery foisted on an unsuspecting public by an unscrupulous woman and her publishers."

Mr. Justice McCardie, summing up, said it was important that there was now no charge against the honesty of Messrs. Methuen. The jury must attach to the words the

### HOTEL FRAUDS.

#### YOUTH'S POSE AS RICH MAN.

#### HIGH LIFE ON NOTHING.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed at St. Albans Police Court on Ronald Ashley, aged 18, described as of no fixed abode, who was charged on remand with obtaining food and lodging, value £1 13s. 6d., at the Red Lion Hotel, St. Albans, and with attempting to commit suicide by poisoning. Mrs. Mary F. Thurlby, proprietress of the hotel, said that Ashley arrived there about luncheon time on Sunday, October 31, saying that he had walked from London to St. Albans for exercise and that his car and chauffeur were following. The next day he asked her to change a note for £100, but he did not produce the note.

When William Thurlby, the son of the proprietress, gave Ashley his bill on Tuesday morning, Ashley asked if he could see the police.

#### Owed Lot of Money.

Detective-Sergeant Thorpe, who was called to the hotel, said he saw Ashley in bed. Ashley said to him: "Have you a warrant for my arrest? I have taken carbolic acid this morning to try to kill myself. I have no friends in the world, and I want to end my life. I owe a lot of money at hotels in London."

Ashley smelt strongly of disinfectant. No money was found on him, but he had four letters addressed to his mother, the coroner, the proprietress of the Red Lion Hotel, and a Mrs. De Groot. In each of them Ashley expressed his intention of committing suicide.

Detective-Sergeant Thorpe said that Ashley's correct name was Alan Hay Fife Dibbs. He was a native of Summerbridge, near Harrogate.

#### Lived on his Wits.

After he left school, when 14, he was employed for two years as an office boy with a firm of stockbrokers in Bradford. In October 1925 he left to go to London, apparently to take up a post in a stockbroker's agents' office, but it was found that he did not work and evidently lived on his wits. He stayed at fashionable hotels, posing as a man of wealth, entertaining, and contracting debts for large amounts.

In July Ashley went to Herve Pay, where he was arrested for obtaining food from the Grand Hotel by false pretences. He was bound over for 12 months and placed on probation. Ashley then returned to his home, but did not work.

#### \$3,000 A Year.

On October 24 his parents provided him with his railway fare to London, as he said he wanted to collect money that was due to him. He stayed at the Washington Hotel, posing as the Hon. Ronald Hamilton, and saying that he was in receipt of \$3,000 a year. He remained until the following Saturday, incurring a debt of \$29 18s. 6d., and then absconded.

He was next heard of at Barnet, where he was found wandering by the police, taken into custody, and afterwards released. He then walked to St. Albans.

The lad's parents were in humble circumstances.

### ELEPHANT WASHED UP.

#### High-Tide Surprise at Seaside Resort.

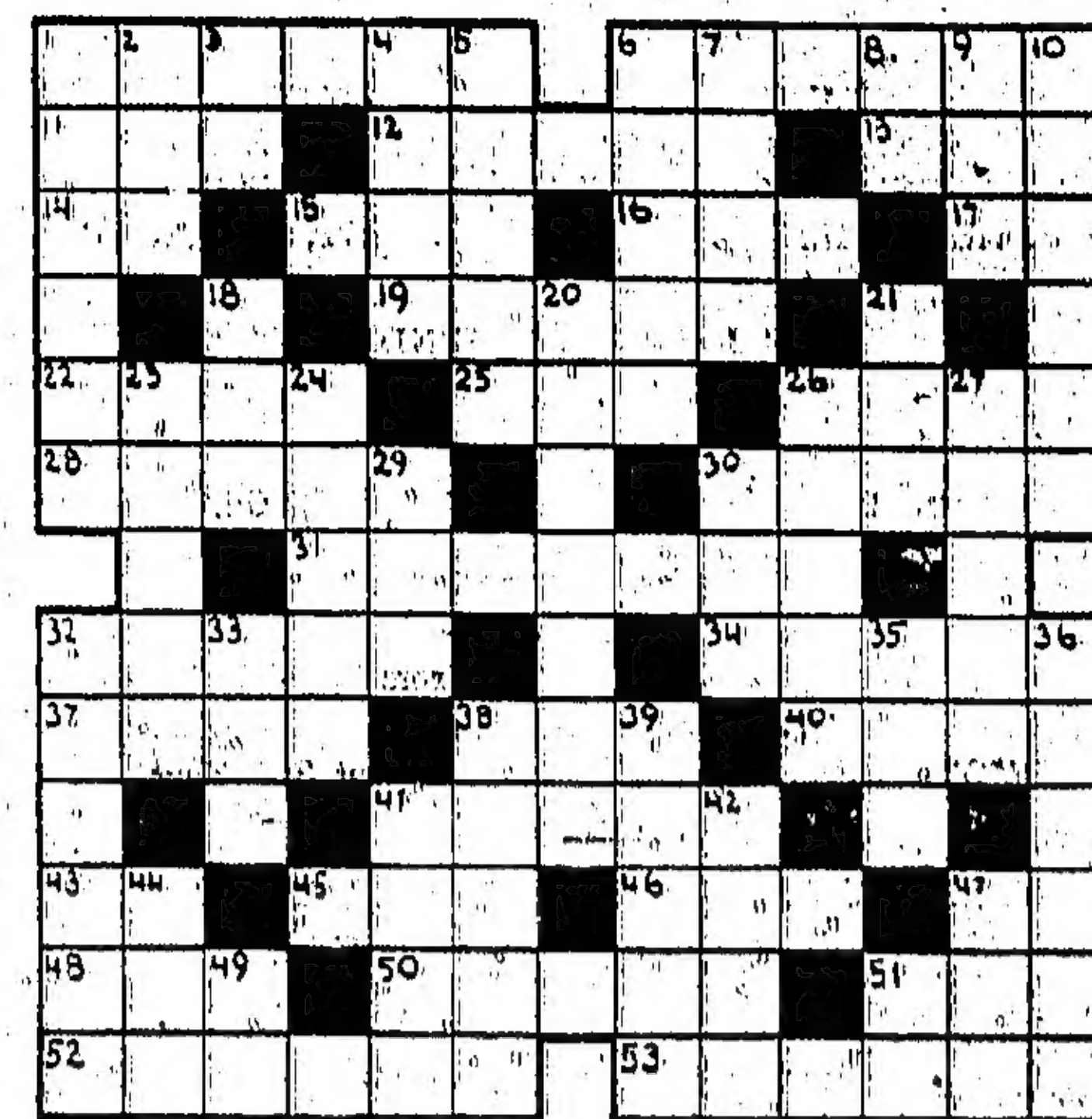
The body of an elephant was washed ashore in a large wooden crate at the eastern end of Worthing parade at high tide.

There was nothing to indicate its destination, but the fact that the crate was covered with rubberoid suggests that the dead animal had been a deck passenger.

It had been in the water about two days. It is thought probable that the crate was washed off the deck of a steamer during the recent gales.

### OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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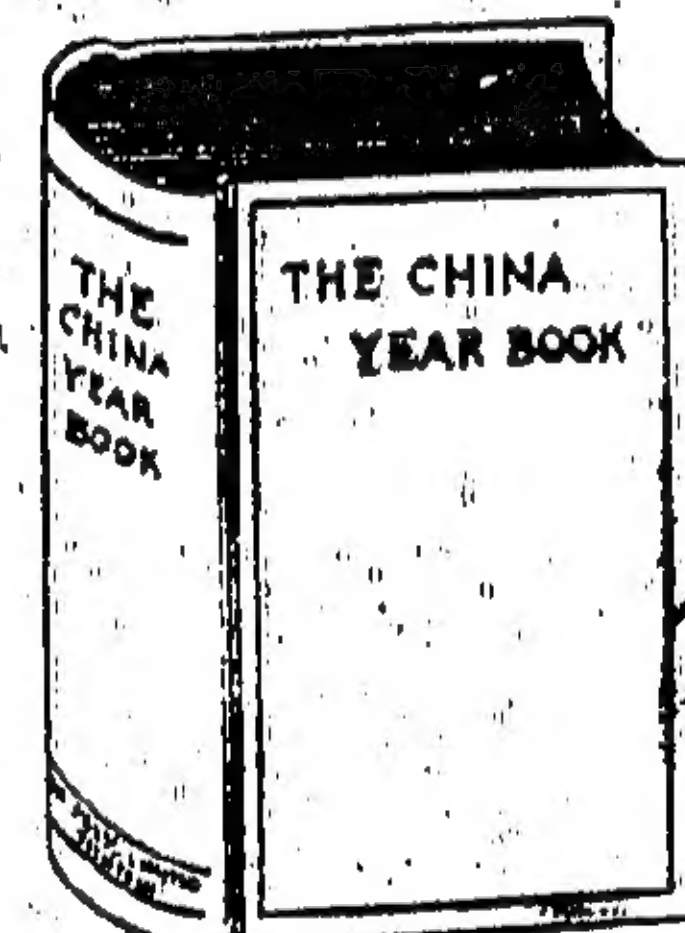
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| <p><b>HORIZONTAL</b></p> <p>1—Openness<br/>6—To hunger<br/>11—Combining form "equal"<br/>12—Woman who caused Trojan War<br/>13—A word of assent<br/>14—No (Scott.)<br/>15—A dessert<br/>16—Edge<br/>17—Royal Navy (abbr.)<br/>18—Waste part of slaughtered animal<br/>22—A kind of cheese<br/>25—A series<br/>26—Latin for "man"<br/>28—To sap again<br/>33—Seraglio<br/>34—Pertaining to the nerves<br/>35—A judge's title<br/>36—Heroic poems<br/>37—An assize<br/>38—Entomology (abbr.)<br/>40—One of the Hebrides (Scott.)<br/>43—Casual</p> | <p><b>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</b></p> <p>47—A fruit (pl.)<br/>48—Prefix. Same as "ex"<br/>49—To beseech<br/>50—To clear<br/>51—To have existence<br/>52—The set of the waves<br/>53—African antelope<br/>54—Swarthy<br/>55—A holding, as of land<br/>56—One of the Semitic races</p> <p><b>VERTICAL</b></p> <p>1—A burnt-out coal<br/>2—Man's name<br/>3—A negative<br/>4—N. C. State of U. S.<br/>5—Shells<br/>6—A city, W. Afghanistan<br/>7—The dye indigo<br/>8—S. C. State of U. S. (abbr.)<br/>9—"Eyes" (contr.)<br/>10—"Eyes" (contr.)</p> | <p><b>VERTICAL (Cont.)</b></p> <p>18—A varnish gum<br/>19—Aristo in feeling<br/>21—And not<br/>23—To entice, as into a snare<br/>24—Landed estate<br/>25—A fastening (pl.)<br/>27—Compassion<br/>29—Prefix. Through<br/>30—Particular shade of a color<br/>32—Upright<br/>33—To snare<br/>35—Short, for "lance"<br/>36—Great goddess of the moon<br/>38—A bird of prey (pl.)<br/>39—Small gull-like bird (pl.)<br/>41—Wild animal<br/>42—Sounding line<br/>43—Observe<br/>44—Conjunction<br/>45—"Eyes" (contr.)<br/>51—Prefix. Two</p> |
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**SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES**  
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting in the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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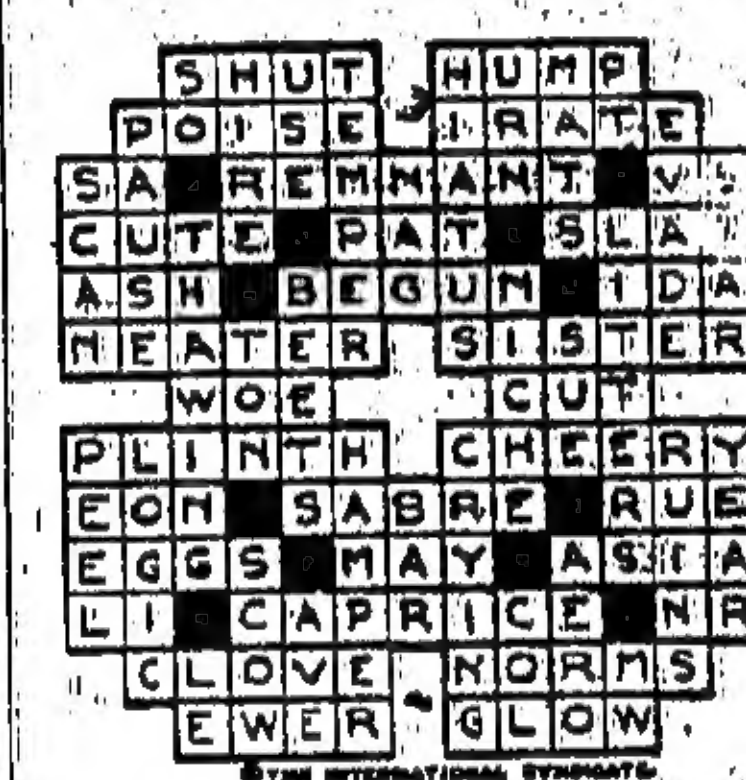
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Date	Sunrise	Sunset
January	A.M.	P.M.
15	7.08	6.00
16	7.08	6.00
17	7.08	6.01
18	7.08	6.02
19	7.08	6.02
20	7.08	6.03
21	7.08	6.04
22	7.08	6.05
23	7.08	6.06
24	7.08	6.06
25	7.08	6.06
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29	7.04	6.10
30	7.02	6.11
31	7.02	6.12

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MANISA MARU ..... Monday, 17th January.  
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.  
HONOLULU MARU ..... Tuesday, 18th January.  
KORRYU MARU (Calls at Penang) ..... Wednesday, 19th January.  
MANSHU MARU ..... Sunday, 23rd January.  
CELEBES MARU ..... Sunday, 30th January.  
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND  
MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.  
CHICAGO MARU ..... Saturday, 22nd January.  
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.  
SEATTLE MARU ..... Tuesday, 25th January.  
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.  
SEKKOW MARU ..... Sunday, 30th January.  
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan  
Ports.  
LONDON MARU (From Shanghai) ..... Thursday, 27th January.  
HAIIPHONG—Via Hoihow & Pakhoi.  
MENADO MARU ..... Saturday, 22nd January.  
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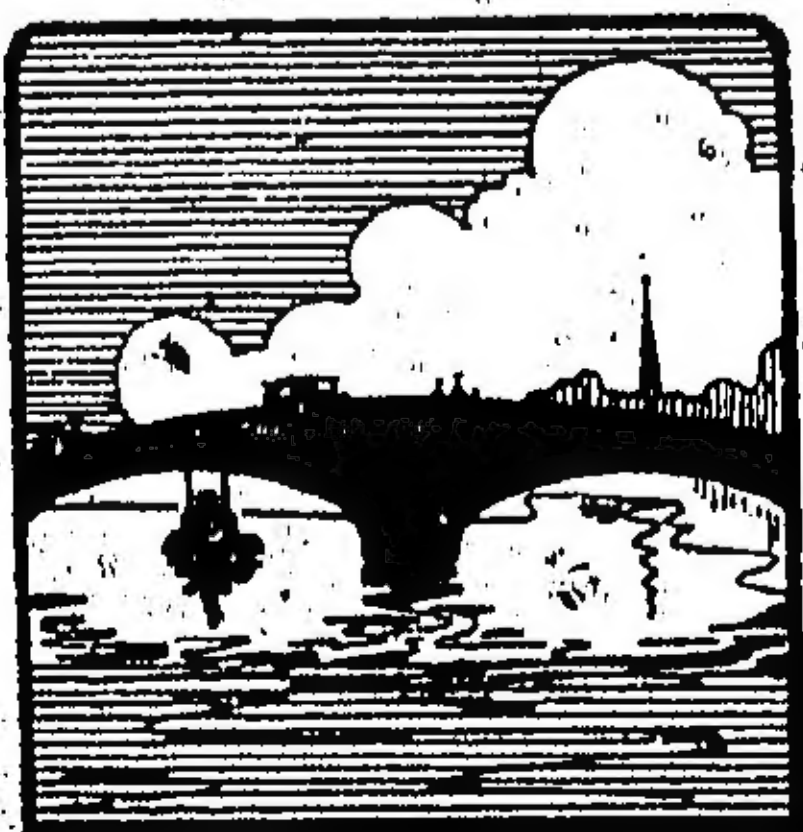
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## SHIPPING SECTION.

## "MAURETANIA."

FAMOUS CUNARD LINER  
DOCKED.

There is probably no merchant ship afloat to-day that has found so much favour in the popular esteem as has that famous Cunarder, the "Mauretania," says the "Journal of Commerce." It is difficult to say how this feeling almost of affection has arisen; perhaps it is an account of the ship's pleasing exterior appearance, which inherently conveys the impression of speed and grace inherited as it were from the clipper ships. Perhaps she owes her popularity to the fact that her appearance of speed is founded on fact, and that though the public memory is proverbially short, the man in the street remembers that she was designed and built to recapture from the Germans the blue "ribbon" of the Atlantic. This she did, and in doing so played no mean part in the history of the North Atlantic passenger business. During mail week there was a constant stream of visitors to the Liverpool Landing-stage intent on paying their respects to the ship that was once such a familiar sight on Merseyside. The "Mauretania" looked as impressive as ever, though

## LINER'S GIFTS.

SURPRISE FOR DUTCH  
SUBMARINE.

London, Dec. 21.  
Amsterdam.—A long letter from a member of the crew of a Dutch submarine is published in the "Handelsblad" narrating how the submarine sighted the P. and O. steamer "Cormorin" between Aden and Colombo, and how the submarine's crew were surprised by the "Cormorin" signalling: "Please stop, I will send a boat."

Whereupon a boat was lowered and reached the submarine. It unloaded books, magazines, chocolates and blocks of ice, causing the crew of the submarine to dance with joy. The "Handelsblad," in an editorial article extols the action of the "Cormorin's" captain as one of those things which maintain friendship between nations as well as individuals.

## LAUNCHED 23 MILES OF SHIPS.

Mr. Andrew Robertson, a native of Perth, who has died at Hebburn-on-Tyne at the age of ninety, served sixty years with Hawthorn, Leslie, and Co., shipbuilders, and as a foreman shipwright he launched about

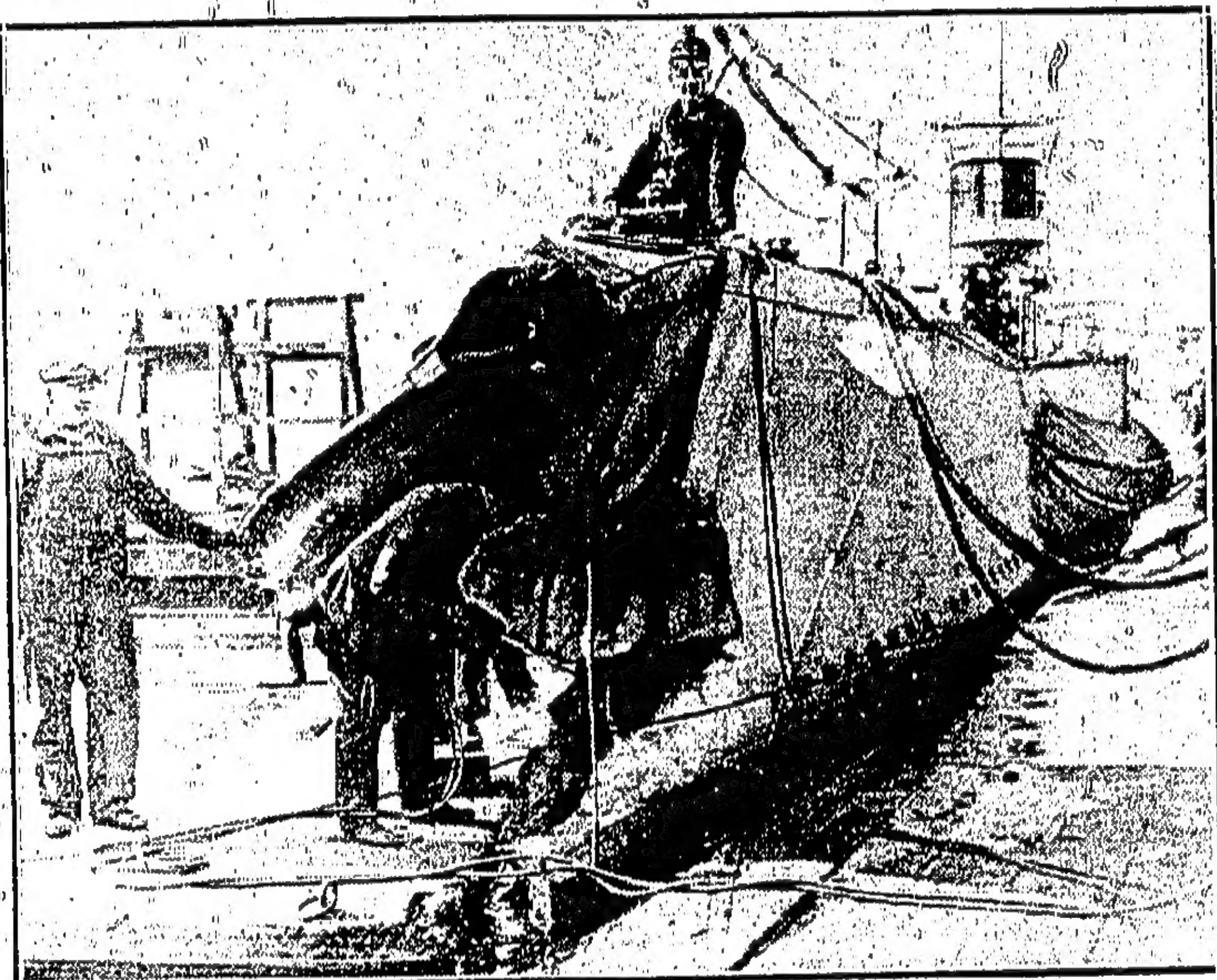
## MILE-DEEP BED.

OCEAN EXPLORATION  
PLAN.

Dr. William Beebe, Director of Research for the New York Zoological Society, proposes to explore the bed of the ocean at a depth of one mile or more, and says that there is a suitable place for the experiment within forty miles of New York. A steel tank or cylinder of suitable dimensions is being built for Dr. Beebe, the walls being thick enough to withstand any possible pressure a mile below the surface of the sea. Dr. Beebe says that he will make his own oxygen inside the cylinder. He hopes to be connected with the surface by means of a telephone, and will dictate a running story of his descent. A stenographer describing what he sees through a little glass window. His theory is that there is much the same ocean life at a depth of a mile beneath the surface in all parts of the sea, irrespective of latitude or longitude. Dr. Beebe will take with him a hand motion picture camera, and expects that the sale of the pictures will defray the expense of his expedition. The New York Zoological Society has not yet officially approved the proposal, but is said to be anxious to facilitate any plan which may be likely to add to the world's store of scientific knowledge.

## SHIP IN DISTRESS.

Bremerton, Washington, Jan. 8.—The schooner "Sophie McPherson" is drifting helplessly with a damaged rudder in a gale 15 miles off Cape Mudge. There is no immediate danger.



The submarine S-12 collided with a freight barge in the East River at New York, tearing a huge hole in the bow. Had the hole been lower the submarine would have sunk, with possible loss of life.

her paintwork is perhaps showing signs of a strenuous season on the Atlantic. By the end of her visit to the Mersey she will be as fresh as ever, and doubtless fit for many more years of service to the "travelling public." She is a splendid tribute to the British shipbuilding and engineering industries in general, and in particular to Sir George Hunter, K.B.E., and his firm, Messrs. Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson, Ltd., who built her.

460 ships, which placed end to end would have measured about twenty-eight miles.

## PASSENGER LIST.

## ARRIVALS.

Saloon passengers who arrived at Hong Kong on the "Empress of Russia" from Vancouver and ports on Jan. 14 were:—Capt. A. Brown, Mr. R. George, Mr. C. S. Richardson, Mr. R. H. Short, Mr. Y. Sasamoto, Mr. H. G. Allen, Mr. A. Beattie, Mr. W. Bollman, Mr. T. A. Candlin, Mr. C. David, Mr. P. Edmondson, Mr. W. S. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fleming, Mrs. K. Fribe, Mrs. S. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Gillespie, Mrs. J. and Miss Harrop, Mr. F. C. Henley, Mr. S. J. Hicks, Mrs. P. H. Ho, Capt. J. G. B. Horn, Mr. T. P. Kan, Mr. I. Kwan, Mr. P. I. Lam, Mrs. A. W. and Mrs. J. Lester, Mr. F. H. Lowe, Lt. J. V. Palmer, Mr. W. J. Pirie, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ritchie, Mr. R. R. Robergh, Mr. D. R. Russell, Mr. P. de Schubert, Miss B. Sharp, Mr. W. A. Stewart, Mr. H. V. Stokely, Mr. A. H. Shen, Mr. K. T. Chen, Mrs. W. E. Clarke, Mrs. B. Rowe, Miss P. and Mr. E. Schroter, Mr. and Mrs. F. Vidu, Mr. J. Winterbotham, Mr. J. M. Wong, Miss L. Winterbotham, Miss G. B. Carpenter, Mrs. C. M. Yanovich.

## U.S. GUNBOATS.

CONSTRUCTION DELAYED BY  
CHINESE.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The officials of the Navy Department report considerable delay in the construction of the six river gunboats, which a Chinese firm in Shanghai is building for the American Naval service in China, and doubt is expressed whether, owing to the present crisis, the boats will now be completed.—Reuter's American Service.

## FATAL SPARK.

EXPLOSION ON BRITISH  
STEAMER.

Tampico, Mexico, Jan. 14.—A spark from the crushing together of two steel girders, which were being removed, caused an explosion in the gasoline tank of the British steamer "Essex Isles." Thirty-seven longshoremen were killed and the ship set on fire.—Reuter's American Service.

## RUN ROW GONE.

Washington, Dec. 29.  
Run Row is definitely gone and pictures of it are fakes, pure and simple, says Admiral Bullard, Commandant of the Coast Guard.

## MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The m.v. "Canton" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on December 12, 1926, and is due here on or about January 21, 1927.

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MOREA	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London
DELTA	8,007	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KALYAN	9,134	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	8,852	2nd March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANTUA	10,902	5th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
KASHGAR	9,006	12th March	Marseilles & London
NYANZA	7,023	16th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MONGOLIA	16,504	19th March	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,355	9th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMALA	9,128	18th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DELTA	8,007	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MALWA	10,901	30th April	Marseilles and London
KHYBER	9,114	7th May	M'les, U'don, A'werp, H'burg & R'dam
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TALMA	10,000	14th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

## EASTERN &amp; AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ARAFURA	6,000	28th Jan.	
TANDA	6,956	4th March	Manila, Kolambagan, Thursday
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	Island, Townsville, Brisbane
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TALMA	10,000	27th Jan.	Moji and Kobe
MANTUA	10,902	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	8,852	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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HUSBAND HAS TO PAY THE TAX.

A man summoned for income tax at Willenden pleaded that his wife was the income assessor. She was a council health visitor and did not even tell him what she earned. He was in no position to pay the tax.

The Magistrate. However unjust it may appear to you, the law holds you responsible, whether you derive benefit from her salary or not, and you must pay the tax. Hence I have no alternative but to make an order against you.

The actual words of the law are: "The profits of a married woman living with her husband shall be deemed the profits of the husband and shall be assessed and charged in his name and not in her name."

The Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society, Limited, has purchased from the Admiralty nearly nine acres of Woolwich Dockyard.

The Hamburg-South American Steamship Co. has decided on an increase of its capital by 5,000,000 to 30,000,000 marks, according to a Berlin message.

## TOO LATE.

THE PRINCE AND A BANDSMAN.

STORY OF A DRINK.

About five years ago, when he visited Burma, and was entertained at dinner in the Government House, the Prince of Wales expressed a wish that the members of the band of the 1st Scots Guards, who were stationed there, should take wine with him.

The men preferred beer, however, and a supply was procured. It proved to be sufficient to fill all the glasses but one—that of Bandsman Frederick Deacon.

After the health of the Prince had been drunk he heard of Deacon's ill-fick. "That is very hard on him," he declared. "He shall have his glass when next we meet."

In mail week was the "next meeting," for Deacon is now one of the male nurses at the British Home and Hospital for Incurables at Streatham, which the Prince visited after opening London's new park at Norwood Grove.

The Burma episode was recalled to the Prince's mind by Mr. Edgar Penman, secretary of the institution, and Deacon was sent for.

## GAS PROGRESS.

IN INDUSTRY AND IN THE HOME.

DIVERSE ASPECTS.

The fifteenth annual conference of the British Commercial Gas Association was held on November 1, 2, and 3, at Newcastle, under the presidency of Mr. John E. Cowan. In his presidential address, Mr. Cowan touched upon diverse aspects of the general industrial situation and gas interests. The trade unions, he suggested, should purge themselves of their leaders, while the employers should encourage the great body of loyal workers. Maximum output should be the aim, as it would give high wages, regular employment and cheapness. In the present labour system, incompetent men were maintained at the same level of pay as the most intelligent. Nationalisation of production, distribution and supply was no remedy; but all must work together harmoniously, both industrially and socially. He did not advocate reduced rates of pay, but more output for the wages paid. The gas industry could help many others. Gas-fired furnaces had halved the cost of rivet heating and had very much reduced the floor space taken up by the furnaces in shipbuilding yards. According to Sir Arthur Duckham, gas might be more economical than coal, even at three and six times the cost per therm. Amalgamations would admit lowering prices, and yet of raising dividends and otherwise encouraging the investor. New methods of charging were needed. The flat rate imposed hardships upon the large consumer and limited the development of the gas business. Friendly competition between gas and electricity was quite possible in an electric-supply area like Newcastle, where gas fires were now used by 97 per cent. of the doctors.

On the previous evening, Dr. C. W. Saleeby, of London, had lectured on the Domestic Chimney and the Smoke Abatement Bill. In this lecture, and regretting that Clause 5 of the Bill gave local authorities powers to make by-laws requiring the provision in new buildings other than private dwelling houses of such arrangements for heating as were calculated to prevent or to reduce the emission of smoke. Dr. Saleeby quoted from his correspondence with the Minister of Health, in which he urged the deletion of the words, which we have quoted in italics. Mr. F. P. Ridley, of the New castle Gas Company, advocated, in a paper read on Tuesday, a much increased expenditure on advertising, nationally and locally. They had, in 1925, put in 18,000 additional gas cookers, fires and boilers, and 16,000 gas lighting fittings (other than burners), and in the city's post-war housing schemes 77 per cent. of the houses had gas lighting, 75 per cent. gas cookers, 71 per cent. gas fire, and 73 per cent. was wash boilers—all in a mining district, where much coal was supplied free—"Engineering."

## CHERBOURG HARBOUR.

The Ministry of Public Works has definitely approved the projected construction of a big maritime railway station here.

A deep-water quay will run out into the harbour, and thus enable Transatlantic liners to come alongside and unload their passengers, instead of disembarking them by tug.



The prolonged coal strike at Home caused an increased use of coal substitutes. This housewife is shown mixing coal dust, which would otherwise have been wasted, with clay. She puts the mixture in the sun, and when it is dry it is said to be a satisfactory fuel.

## THE "VON MOLTKE."

GERMAN BATTLESHIP NEARLY SALVED.

The difficult task of salving the German battleship "Von Moltke," which had lain bottom upwards in 70 feet of water in Scapa Flow since 1919, is meeting with success.

The scheme adopted to lift her was to plug all the outlets in her hull, into which compressed air was forced. This work was hampered by the rough weather of last month.

One morning in mail week the hull gave a shiver and rose several feet. The air pumps were immediately stopped and floating docks placed in position to assist in lifting the ship with powerful hawsers.

The air pumps were again brought into action and the "Von Moltke" rose gradually as the water inside her was displaced, and fully 12 feet of her bottom is now showing above the water. In this position she lies and will be towed into shallower water.

## AIRCRAFT SCHEME.

Paris, Dec. 29.

A scheme for shortening the journey from New York by means of aircraft which would take off from incoming liners' decks on reaching Cherbourg has been proposed by Admiral Degouty, the French Naval writer.

## NEW PORT ON SUEZ CANAL.

London, Dec. 21.

Port Fuad, on the Suez Canal, was inaugurated to-day by King Fuad amidst much ceremony.

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LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.	
TAJIMA MARU (calls Glasgow)	Saturday, 5th February.
BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.	
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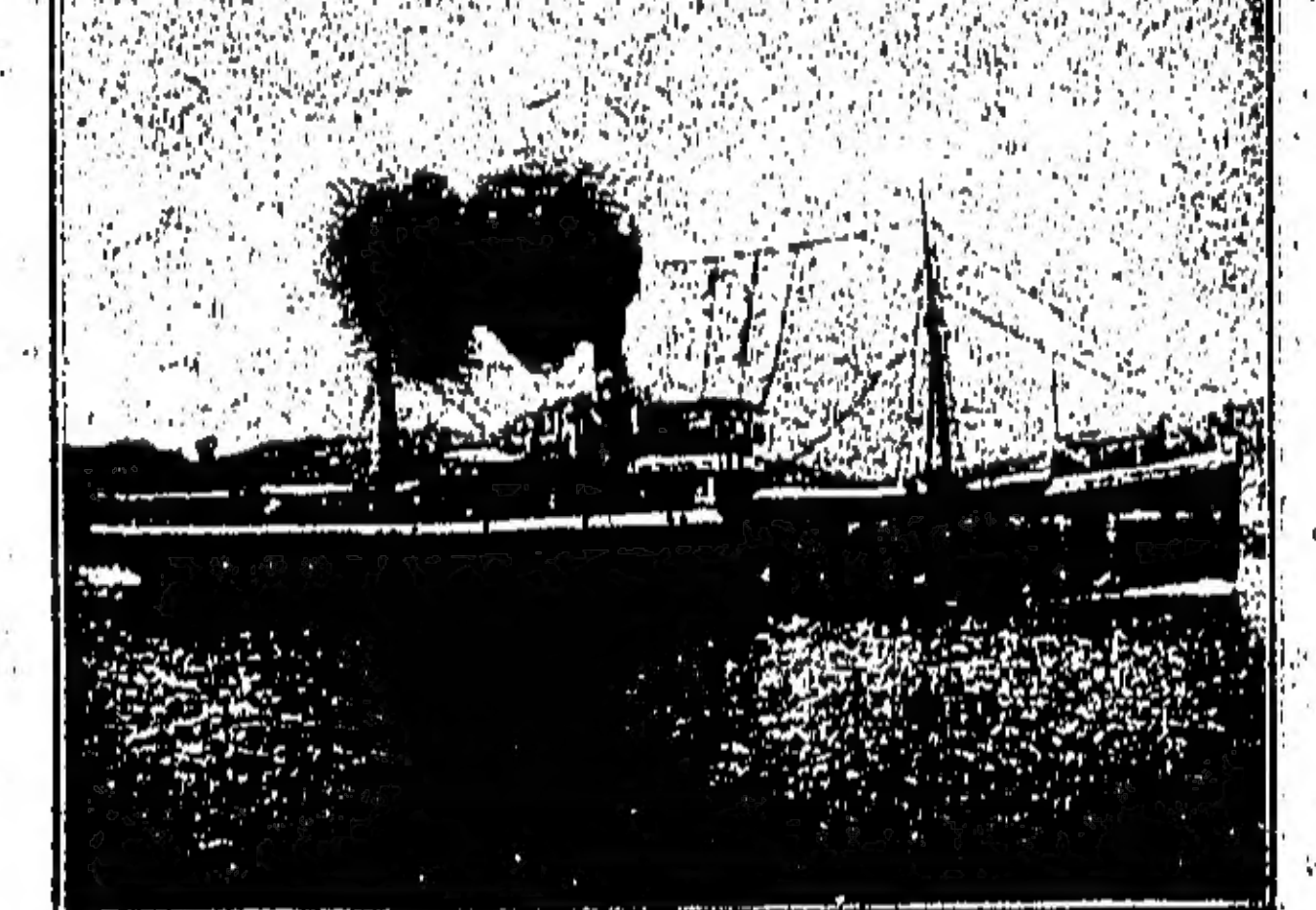
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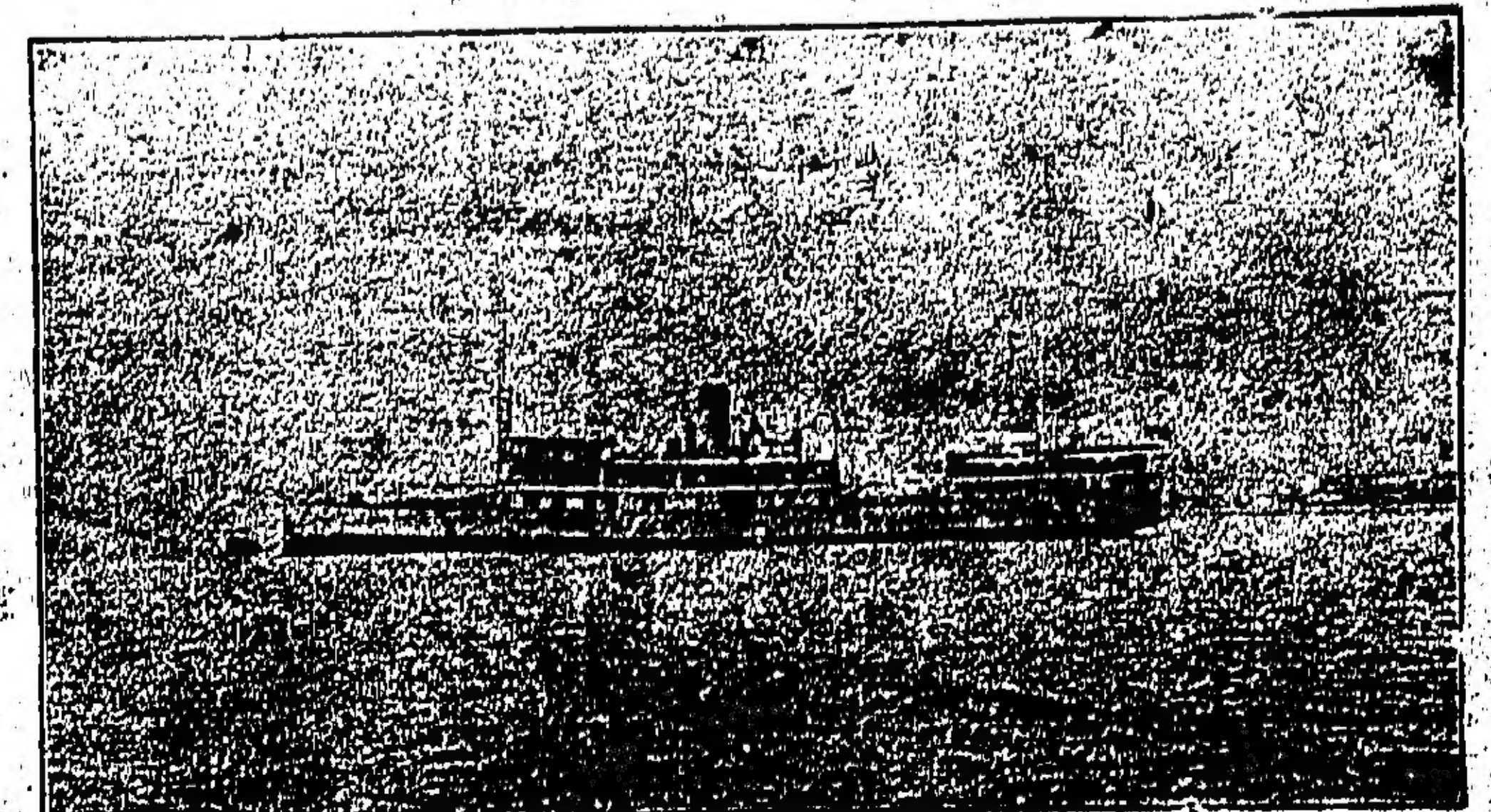
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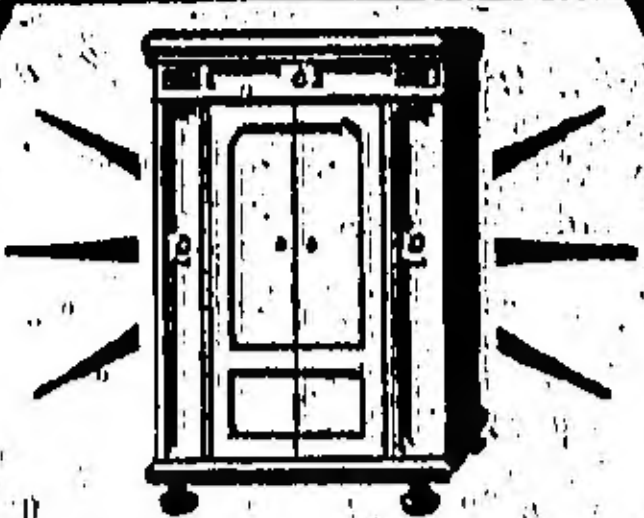
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### BIRTH.

FISHER.—On January 8, 1927, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Fisher, a son.

### DEATH.

CURTIS.—On January 8, 1927, at Kluang, Emily Ellen Curtis, wife of Walter Vaughan Curtis, of Hong Kong.

Hong Kong, Saturday, Jan. 15, 1927.

### SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

A knowledge of the Chinese tongue is one of the greatest assets which a young man in the East can bring to the study of commercial matters in this country. Therefore it will be a good thing if the Hong Kong University is enabled to carry out the proposal for providing, through the medium of a School in Chinese open to all, greater opportunities than now exist for making a study of the language. As H.E. the Governor remarked shortly after his arrival here, although the Chinese and non-Chinese come into contact with each other, they nevertheless move in wholly different spheres. They do not really comprehend the ways and thought and manner of life of each other. Thus arise many regrettable misunderstandings, which retard the social, moral, intellectual and commercial welfare of the Colony. The most effective manner in which this barrier may be broken down is for every young Briton fresh out from home to take the trouble to acquire a competent knowledge of the Chinese language. By doing this he would avoid the invidious and anomalous positions often created entirely through ignorance and replace them with a clearer atmosphere in which more cordial relations

would be practicable. The results would not only be beneficial to the individual but would be good for the various business firms and for the whole community.

Chinese New Year would lose what many thousands doubtless consider an essential feature of the celebrations if the firing of crackers were stopped altogether. None the less the warning that the police have issued is a most useful one. The type of cracker permitted to be fired in certain areas may in some cases be heavy of detonation and capable of giving one a scare. But the types which were sometimes used before the drafting of regulations in recent years were highly dangerous, as the accident at West Point (before the existence of the regulations) showed in tragic manner. The dropping of a "Golden Coin" cracker containing sand, one of the most dangerous types and forbidden by Ordinance to be made locally, led to a fatal motor accident at West Point a few years ago. The other types of crackers specified in the notices posted up in public places at this time are crackers in which fulminate of mercury is used. The only type of cracker permitted is that in which ordinary black gunpowder, charcoal, sulphur and salt-petre are used. This applies at all times, but at Chinese New Year it is well that the fact should be brought more prominently to the public notice. The noise is bad enough without adding to it the possibility of serious accidents taking place.

By the loyal attitude they adopted during recent troubles, and the interest they have taken in the Boxer Indemnity problem and other matters affecting the well being of the University, the students of our University have shown themselves to be on the side of those who have the best interests of the University at heart. It depends on the support which the University receives whether these students who desire to promote cordial and sincere relations with the British people will be given the opportunity of doing so in fullest measure. At a time (last year) when the University seemed to be faced with the curtailment of the English staff owing to lack of funds, the local Chamber of Commerce showed in a practical manner its realization of the fact that British interests would be promoted by the use of English as a medium of instruction. Although the appeal was made at a time when trade conditions were depressed, our local men of commerce entered into an undertaking to subscribe \$20,000 a year for a period of five years in order to promote education on British lines in China and Hong Kong. There is an old German saying "If you want to put anything into a Nation, put it into the school." China stands in need of men who will devote to it disinterested service, and it is to be hoped that the Hong Kong University will be enabled to carry out its programme of development by grants from the Boxer Indemnity fund in order that education may be continued along lines which will enable the students in some measure to meet that need.

### ST PAUL'S GIRLS.

YESTERDAY'S BAZAAR A SUCCESS.

OPEN TO-DAY & MONDAY.

In aid of the fund for the new college building, a bazaar was organised by St. Paul's Girls' School yesterday. The object of the organisers is to raise the remaining \$70,000 of the \$270,000 required to be spent on the erection of the new building. There was a large attendance yesterday. During to-day and Monday, when the bazaar will again open, it is hoped that the sum still outstanding will be raised.

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., Chairman of the Honorary Building Committee, introduced Lady Clementi at the opening ceremony yesterday and explained the objects of the bazaar. Lady Clementi, in opening the bazaar, expressed the hope that the work done by the College would be rewarded and that the bazaar would prove a great success.

There is a variety of stalls attractively laid out, the goods for sale including crochet work, knitted goods, frocks, dolls, cushions, sweets, chocolates, and many articles of ornament and utility. The lucky dip offers chances of acquiring other articles at nominal cost, some valuable prizes (including a Fiat motor car) being among them.

At the \$5 stall Miss Kotewall is in charge, assisted by Mr. J. M. Wong, Mr. Li Yik-mui, Mr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. K. Y. Ting, Miss Leung Sau-king, Miss Wei Kam-sang, and others. At the General Stall, Miss Mabel Chan officiates with ten assistants, and at the Cushion Stall Miss Fok Lan-hing and Miss Ada Kwok are the chief sellers. Miss Choy Wing-kau, and Miss Beatrice Lam are in charge of the Sweet Stall, whilst Miss Ho Kam-lan and Miss Ng Heung-yau officiate at the Thirty Cent Stall. The Dairy Farm have a stall in charge of Mr. J. W. Blackley, assisted by Mr. K. L. Chau, Mr. C. Lee, Mr. J. Choy, Mr. Cheung Wing-keu, Mr. Cheung Yau-keun, and Mr. Wan Yu-sing. The arrangements for tea are handled by Messrs. Lane Crawford, Ltd., those assisting being Miss M. Gittens, Miss A. Lee, and others. The organising Committee is Mr. J. M. Wong, Mr. Li Yik-mui, Mr. Kwok Yau-ting, Mr. Lam Woo, and Miss P. C. Woo.

### A GOOD AUGURY.

ST. DAVID'S MEETING WELL ATTENDED.

COMING YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.

Last year the general depression resulted in the curtailment of the programme of the St. David's Society of Hong Kong and the cancelling of the dinner. A good augury for the coming year was the attendance at yesterday's annual meeting, which was the largest for some years. The meeting was held in the offices of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master.

The President, Mr. D. J. Lewis, was in the chair, and supporting him were Dr. Leslie Thomas (Vice-President), Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones (Hon. Secretary), Mr. L. S. Hopkins (Hon. Treasurer), Captain R. D. Thomas, Captain Williams R.N.R., Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Mr. D. Davis (Committee).

The Committee's report and the Treasurer's statement of accounts for the year were adopted, and the election of officers proceeded with. Financial year. The Society's financial year has hitherto commenced on March 2, and ended on March 1. The officers have been elected for a similar period. It was decided to change this to the calendar year. To this end, the existing officers were confirmed in their appointments until December 31, 1927, and the subscriptions for the year commencing March 2, 1926 will be treated as in respect of the period from that date to December 31, 1926.

Another subscription will be payable for the calendar year 1927. It was decided that members in the Services should be admitted as honorary members, with no entrance fee and no subscription, but that they can if they wish, become ordinary members on payment of the annual subscription without entrance fee.

Life Membership. Life members will be admitted upon a subscription of \$25, entrance fee \$5.

Several of last year's Committee having left the Colony, vacancies were filled and the Committee for the year is now: Mrs. Hooper, Mr. F. White, Captain Williams, R.N.R., Captain R. D. Thomas, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. R. E. Davies, Mr. E. J. Wynne, Jones and Mr. D. M. Richards with Mr. Hugh Jones as Hon. Secretary. It was decided that on St. David's Day, and Armistice Day, wreaths will be laid on the Cenotaph on behalf of the Society, and that the national festival be celebrated by holding a dinner, details of which will be arranged later.

### KILLED BY FIG.

PUPPY "CHOW" WHICH BIT FIVE MEN.

CARCASS IN THE SEA.

After biting five men in Kam Tin village (near Au Tau Police Station in the New Territories), the puppy "chow" of three months old, which belonged to a Chinese surveyor of the Public Works Department, has been killed by a domestic pig and its body has been carried out to sea.

As reported on Thursday, the surveyor gave the dog to a friend, who returned it because he had been bitten. The original owner and four P.W.D. coolies were also attacked, and the pup then broke away.

It was traced to a neighbouring pigsty, which it entered, but there it was killed by a pig. The villagers dumped the body in the creek running out from the village, and the tide carried it away.

Two Connected Cases? Two more cases of dog bites have occurred in the city in streets so close to each other that there may be reason to suspect that the infection is from one source.

A Chinese girl was bitten by a chow dog from No. 14, Sai Street and a boy by a terrier from No. 44, Tung Street. Both addresses are close to "Faddy's Market." The dogs are under observation at Kennedy Town, and the two victims are in the Government Civil Hospital.

### BURGLAR'S HAUL.

THEFT FROM A RUBBER STORE.

Some time last night the premises of the Chan Ka Kan Rubber Co. at No. 111, Wing Lok Street, were entered by a burglar. Entry was made through the kitchen door, which had been left open. The loss consists of property valued at \$139.68.

Ship Runner's Loss. A runner of the China Merchants S. N. Co., of No. 16, Connaught Road West, reports that between December 30 and January 11, jewellery and money, valued at \$327, was stolen from his quarters in the office.

### AIRSHIP FOR JAPAN.

Tokyo, Jan. 4.

Two Italian engineers arrived at Kobe for directing the assembling of the large semi-rigid airship Norge No. 8 bought from Italy by the Japanese Naval Air Corps last summer.

The noted Italian flier, Lieut. General Nobile, is expected to arrive at the end of January to supervise the work.

### STRONGROOM TUNNELLED.

Warsaw, Dec. 20.

After leasing a house opposite the Diskonto Bank, thieves, by means of a tunnel penetrated the bank's strongroom and ransacked safes containing jewellery. The booty is stated to exceed \$100,000 in value.

It is estimated that it took at least three weeks to complete the tunnel.

### THE BISHOP OF LONDON.

"W. G. S." writes to the "Singapore Free Press":—The following verses appeared many years ago in some Home paper with reference to our guest that kindly and truly hardworking man the Bishop of London.

From morning till evening, from evening till night, I preach and I organise, lecture and write, And all over London my gaitered legs fly.

Was ever a Bishop as busy as I. For luncheon I swallow a sandwich of ham. As I rush up the stairs of a Whitechapel tram, Or with excellent appetite I will discuss A halfpenny bun on a Waterloo bus.

No table is white with damask for me. The apron's the cloth that covers my knee. No manservants serve, no maidservants dish up. The frugal repast of a Suffragan Bishop.

Another man has been arrested in connection with the armed robbery at Nga Chin Lung, near Kowloon City. A previous accused in the case has already been committed to the Sessions.

Warrior G. Harris, of the Prisons Department, was the recipient last night, at the Warden's Mess, of a case of pipes and pouch from his colleagues on the occasion of his departure from the Colony to-day by the s.s. "Taiping," for Sydney. Mr. Harris was formerly in the Royal Navy and has been in the Prisons service for about two years. He is taking up farming in Australia.

### BOMBS ON JUNK.

STARTLING DISCOVERY IN HARBOUR.

SEQUEL AT MAGISTRACY.

A startling discovery of arms, ammunition, dynamite and bombs, has been made on a trading junk in the harbour as the result of which several men are detained and one has been remanded by the Magistrate.

The junk was anchored off Cheung-sha-wan (the behind Stonecutters Island) and the contraband was concealed on board.

There were three rifles and a pistol, the explosives, and other articles believed to be bombs, which latter are now being analysed.

The accused on remand has been charged with illegal possession and the others are being detained for further inquiries to be made.

### DECEMBER RAINFALL.

The rainfall for the month of December at the Botanical Garden was 0.16 on five days, at the Matilda Hospital, Mount Kellett, it was 0.16 on 2 days. No rainfall at Taipei.

Two lowest readings of the barometer (M.S.L.) was 29.19, 912 at 16h, on the 14th.

The maximum squall velocity, as recorded by the Dines-Baxendell anemograph, was at the rate of 39 miles per hour at 4h. 30m. on the 19th.

### TENORS TO ORDER.

Vienna, Dec. 23.

Following a throat operation, a woman has developed a fine tenor voice. Professor Froeschel of the Academy of Medicine, who performed the operation, explains that the woman's vocal organs are perfectly normal now. He says that a change in the timbre of the voice can be made at will.

The woman has accepted an operative engagement to sing in two roles.

### CHRISTMAS TRADE.

London, Dec. 16.

As evidence of the immensity of the Christmas shopping, £1,500,000 was banked at to-day's takings by 15 West End shops.

One store was entered by 262,000 persons between 11 and 6 o'clock; and it is estimated that the Christmas season's trade in Central London will exceed \$75,000,000.

### PRINCE HURT.

Falls From His Horse Again.

London, Jan. 8.

Although the Prince of Wales was thought to have abandoned steeple-chasing, he indulged in it again to-day and was thrown from his horse. His left wrist was sprained but he continued the hunt.

### CANCER RESEARCH FUND.

Sydney, Dec. 17.

The objective of \$100,000 set by the organisers of the Cancer Research Fund was reached, when a cheque for £2,400 was handed over by the Teachers' Federation. This was a further instalment of an amount of £4,234 10s., raised by the schools throughout the State.

### AUSTRIA SEEKS TOURISTS.

Vienna, Jan. 3.

The Government hopes to make Austria a tourist country, and an elaborate scheme of road making and repairing is now under consideration, motorists having complained of road neglect. Railway communications have much improved lately.

### POPE ON IMMODEST WOMEN.

Rome, Jan. 3.

Pope Pius, who on several occasions has announced his displeasure over the modern fashions of women, condemns immodest clothing anew in a letter to Cardinal Schultz of Cologne.

### AGAINST COMMUNISM.

London, Jan. 4.

It is reported that following several meetings, the moderate Labour members have decided on an offensive against Communism by means of an instructive campaign with discourses and lectures.

Captain V. R. Wright-Neville of the 5th/2nd Punjab Regiment, is to be married at St. Andrew's Church, Gwlool, this afternoon to Miss Gwen North, Lt.-Col. V. Coates is to give the bride away and Captain Hawthorn will be "best man." The reception will follow at the Punjab officers' mess. The bridegroom is well-known outside military circles as a fine, all-round sportsman. He plays hockey and polo very well and also excels in other branches of sport.

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## SAME AGE.

## Magistrate and Woman Witness.

## "A HEAD FOR DATES."

The case of larceny by means of a trick in connection with which a well-to-do Chinese is at present serving a term of six weeks' hard labour was again before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when Mr. Duncan McCallum brought further evidence in support of his application for a re-hearing of the case.

At the commencement of the hearing, Mr. McCallum informed the Magistrate that he had had an opportunity for perusing the depositions from which it appeared that on March 27 the complainant's bangles were taken away and that the pawn ticket in respect of the articles were discovered the next day.

"What is larceny in British law?" asked counsel, who, continuing, said that any one who steals must do so with intent to deprive the owner permanently of possession of the property. In the case before the Court the document covering the property was in the possession of the owner.

Mr. Lindsell: To go a step further, supposing without your knowledge I take your gold cigarette case, pawn it and send you the ticket. Am I not guilty of larceny?

Mr. McCallum: No. You have only temporarily deprived me of it.

Mr. Lindsell: Yes, but conditionally that you pay money to get it back. Are you prepared to argue on that point?

Mr. McCallum said that in those circumstances Mr. Lindsell might be guilty of some other crime in law, but he was not guilty of larceny.

His Worship said that it was curious that Mr. McCallum should have raised the point, for Mr. Loseby, when asked, had expressed satisfaction that the charge had been correctly framed. He, Mr. Lindsell, would reserve his ruling on the point.

**Further Evidence.**  
Tong Yai-shi, a married woman living at Macao, said that the convicted man was her brother. He was a partner in a kerosene oil business at Kongmoon and had visited witness on March 27 last.

Mr. McCallum: How can you be so accurate as to the date?—The 28th. was my "great birthday," and he came to visit me, arriving on the evening of the 28th. He stayed with me until April 7.

Mr. McCallum explained that the term "great birthday" referred to every tenth birthday of a Chinese woman.

Mr. McCallum: Is there any doubt about it?—It was my "great birthday," how could I forget it?

Mr. Lindsell: How many "great birthdays" have you had?—Two.

The Court Interpreter, in reply to Mr. Lindsell said that "great birthdays" were rarely observed until a woman was sixty years of age.

## Good at Dates.

In reply to Mr. Lindsell, witness said that her husband was at present in Manila. He had visited Macao in connection with her "great birthday" but had returned to Manila on the 17th day of the 8th moon.

Mr. Lindsell: You have a wonderful head for dates?—Yes. Facts never escape my memory.

Mr. Lindsell: You are the same age as I am, but I can't remember dates like this—I never forget dates concerning myself.

Det. Sgt. Rozesky asked the witness whether or not she was the woman who talked at the Police Station the day the man was arrested, and whether she had then stated that she was living at 97 Park Street.

Witness said that she had arrived in Hong Kong a few days before her brother's arrest.

## Ladies' Birthdays.

Chan Kai-yat, a property broker living at Yaumati, said that he knew the previous witness, having visited her frequently at her house at Macao. Witness was in Macao in March last and had called on her on her birthday.

Mr. Lindsell: Have you many lady friends?—Yes. I have several.

Mr. Lindsell: Do you know all their birthdays?—Yes, if I have social intercourse with them.

Mr. McCallum intimated that that was his evidence in support of his application for a re-hearing.

Mr. Lindsell: I am afraid that it is not very convincing.

Mr. McCallum said that perhaps it was as difficult as the

## CHINA'S HERITAGE.

## Sir Miles Lampson's Speech.

## NEED TO STUDY CHINESE.

Peking, Jan. 11.

Sir Miles Lampson, H.B.M.'s Minister to China, made his first public appearance in Peking this morning when he presided at the opening lecture of the Winter Term of the Yenching School of Chinese Studies delivered by Mr. W. Sheldon Ridge.

His Excellency, who was accompanied on the platform by Lady Lampson, was briefly introduced by the Principal of the School (Mr. W. B. Pettus), and, on taking the chair, availed himself of the opportunity of expressing his high appreciation of the work carried on by the School. He recalled in humorous vein his own and Lady Lampson's experiences as students in the school ten years ago, and expressed without any ambiguity his firm conviction that foreigners whose lot was cast in China ought at least to attempt to seek an understanding of her people and her problems by definitely setting themselves to learn the language of the country. He had always felt, he said, that this was necessary, and he believed that under present conditions it was more necessary than ever. He assured his hearers that so far as he was concerned this conviction would not fail of expression as opportunity offered. He then called upon Mr. Ridge to deliver his lecture on "Chinese Backgrounds and Fundamentals."

Mr. Ridge prefaced his lecture by referring in appreciative terms to his own sense of the honour done him by Sir Miles's kindness in taking the chair on this occasion, and further expressed what he felt sure would be the general satisfaction that Sir Miles was really interested in things Chinese.

**Controlling Factors in the Moulding of China History.**

Proceeding with his lecture, Mr. Ridge indicated the controlling factors in the moulding of the Chinese national history and political conceptions. He pointed out that there was a great contrast between Europe and Asia both geographically and in other ways. Whilst European civilisation, which the lecturer described as even today an imperfect amalgam, was the product of a series of cultures with a coastwise distribution, from Greece, through Rome, France, Spain, the British Isles and the Scandinavian and Teutonic regions, little assisted by anything until very recently, the civilisation of China had attained its unity, its solidarity through the medium of facile communication by way of the three great rivers—the Hwang Ho, the Yangtze and the Si Kiang and their tributaries; whilst the great barrier frontiers had served to maintain the nationality and immunity, the effectiveness of the barrier being from time to time emphasised by slight changes in the climatic conditions of Central Asia, though intercourse with the West was not absolutely impossible.

**"Common Spiritual Heritage."**

After dealing with minor geographical factors in the welding of the Chinese homogen the lecturer went on to point out that, after all geographic control and the economic interpretation of history were not the ultimate factor in determining human destinies, and then proceeded to an exposition of the "common spiritual heritage" of the Chinese that had made of them the longest-lived and the greatest single national entity in human history.

Going back to first principles, what he called intuitive philosophy mediated through common sense, the lecturer outlined the main conception of the practical political philosophy of the Chinese, and showed how it had dominated their daily life and their national history from the earliest times until the present day, and by means of illustrative extracts from the history of the Republic was able to show that the main principles that had served as the practical guides in the conduct of life under the Empire were operative to-day.

Mr. Ridge thanked by Chairman.

At the close of the lecture the Chairman expressed his personal sense of indebtedness to the lecturer for the illuminating, indeed he might say learned, address he had given, adding that he should take such opportunities as he could to attend later lectures in the same series.

Mr. Ridge's lecture, it may be remarked, was the first of a series of twelve on the general subject "From Old to New in China." Subsequent lectures in the series will be delivered in the Auditorium of the Yenching School of Chinese Studies on Friday mornings at eleven o'clock, from the 14th instant and are open to the general public.

circumstances of the case itself. All he asked was for a re-hearing, being quite prepared to go more fully into the facts.

His Worship said that he was prepared to re-open the case and would take it on Tuesday afternoon. The prisoner would be on remand against the full authorities would be allowed as previously.

## IN SHANGHAI.

## AGITATORS HELD IN CHECK.

## POWERS IN CONSULTATION.

Rugby, Jan. 4.

It is understood that the Governments concerned are in touch regarding the defence of international interests in Shanghai should they be threatened.—British Wireless Service.

## No Material Change.

Rugby, Jan. 14.

No material change is reported in the Chinese situation in Shanghai. The arrival of the United States Admiral Williams on the flagship "Pittsburgh" has raised the foreign naval strength at the Yangtze Mouth.

The Municipal Council of the International Settlement, on which Britain, America and Japan are represented, have speedily controlled the few cases of disorder that the agitators have so far been able to create among the Chinese workers.

Moderate Chinese are also doing their best to maintain order and the Chinese commercial community are clearly desirous of overcoming the economic consequences of existing conditions, particularly with the approach of Chinese New Year and settling day on February 2.—British Wireless Service.

## Big Property Deal.

Shanghai, Jan. 14.

The Town Hall property of the International Settlement of Shanghai has been sold for twelve lakhs of taels to China buyers.—Reuter.

[This property, which comprises a large and antiquated Town Hall, a disused volunteer hall and a market, has long been hopelessly out of date, but the site, situated in the very centre of Nanking Road, is of course ideal. Possibly, another Chinese mammoth departmental store, of which there are several in the district, will be erected. Evidently the Chinese have no fear for Shanghai's future. A new Town Hall, much more worthy of the city, is, it is understood, to be built in Bubbling Well Road at the junction of Carter and Yates Roads.]

## CUSTOMS SURTAXES.

## FORMAL NOTICE BY FOREIGN OFFICE.

Peking, Jan. 14.

A representative of the Waichiao-pu (Chinese Foreign Office) informed the Legations yesterday of the Government's intention to levy surtaxes.

The Japanese have decided to protest irrespective of the action of other Powers.—Reuter.

## American Attitude.

Washington, Jan. 14.

So far, there is no indication that the United States Government will oppose the action of the Peking Government in imposing the Washington surtaxes.—Reuter's American Service.

## NAVAL VISIT.

## MEDITERRANEAN FLEET IN GREECE.

Rugby, January 14.

Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, commanding the British Mediterranean Fleet, which is now visiting Greek waters, was officially welcomed on board his flagship H.M.S. "Warrior" on arrival at Phaleron yesterday.

A representative of the Greek Foreign Office attended to welcome Mr. Winston Churchill, who, in his private capacity, is a guest of Admiral Keyes on the cruise.—British Wireless Service.

## ATLANTIC 'PHONES.

## EXTENSION TO WHOLE OF NEW YORK.

New York, Jan. 14.

The Trans-Atlantic Telephone Service is being extended from January 15 to the whole of New York State.—Reuter's American Service.

## BURNED TO DEATH.

## U.S. ACTOR'S TRAGIC END.

New York, Jan. 14.

The New York actor, Mr. Arnold Daly, was burned to death, when trapped in a fire in his flat.—Reuter's American Service.

## BANDIT'S LAST STAND.

Paris, Dec. 13.

Preferring death to capture, a bandit, who was at first believed to be Ballastro, wanted for the supposed murder of a Fascist, but who turned out to be Ballastro's accomplice, Massari, made a desperate stand near Tonnerre, despite a grievous wound in the leg.

The cordon of pursuing gendarmes, suddenly facing twelve successive shots from Massari, surrounded him, whereupon he committed suicide.

## FOR NICARAGUA.

## DESPATCH OF AMERICAN DESTROYERS.

Washington, Jan. 14.

Two United States destroyers from Cuban waters have been ordered to Nicaragua.—Reuter's American Service.

New York, Jan. 14.

Twenty thousand copies of the editorials of the "New York Times" and the "New York World" condemning the United States' policy in Mexico and Central America and emphasising the danger of armed intervention are being distributed by "Close friends of peace with Mexico," with the object of stimulating public sentiment in favour of arbitration in the Mexico problem.—Reuter's American Service.

Washington, Jan. 14.

In the Senate, Mr. Borah, in characteristic and vigorous terms, attacked the Government policy in Nicaragua. He expressed dissatisfaction with President Coolidge's Message to Congress and stated that he was likewise unconvinced by the evidence submitted by Mr. Kellogg to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He urged the Administration to abandon the use of force in its dealings with Central America and to inaugurate instead a reign of peace. He recommended the immediate holding of a popular Presidential Election in Nicaragua, also that the dispute over the new Mexican Land Petroleum Laws should be arbitrated. "If we are going to intervene in Nicaragua, it does seem to me that we should pick up and support the wishes of the people of Nicaragua." He claimed that the administration of Diaz was being maintained to-day, as in 1912, by force of American arms and a loan, the Canal Treaties being negotiated with him really being negotiated "with ourselves." Mr. Borah declared that at least the Loan Treaty, which was obnoxious to Nicaraguans, should be dismissed as also the United States' Government's plea that it was upholding the Monroe doctrine. He denied that this was ever involved as "there are no foreign fangs now jeopardizing American rights or interests in the Western hemisphere."—Reuter's American Service.

## BOLSHEVISM.

## A REPUDIATION BY MEXICO.

Mexico City, Jan. 14.

The Foreign Minister, in a statement, energetically repudiates Mr. Kellogg's charge that Mexico is attempting to establish a Bolshevist hegemony in Latin America, declaring that the Soviet principles are contrary to those of the Mexican Government.

The newspaper, "Excelsior," which is hostile to President Calles, reports that five youths in the town of Leon, said to be Catholics, had their tongues cut out because "when in peril, they prayed to God." The victims were shot dead for participating in open rebellion, but the Federal Government and the local authorities apparently were unconnected with the "execution."

## BEAM WIRELESS.

## TESTS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND AUSTRALIA.

Rugby, Jan. 14.

Official tests by the British Post Office between short-wave beam wireless stations in Great Britain and Australia began to-day. For seven hours daily for a week high speed telegraphic communication by beam will be conducted over a distance of 11,000 miles. The minimum speed of transmission each way will be 100 words a minute, but it is expected that speeds exceeding 300 words a minute will be attained.—British Wireless Service.



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## PRINCE'S ESCAPE.

## HORSE PULLED UP ON EDGE CANAL.

Melton Mowbray, Nov. 28.

During a run with the Quorn Hounds to-day, the Prince of Wales narrowly avoided jumping headlong into a canal.

The hounds were travelling at a good pace from Cream Gorse towards Frisby-on-the-Wreake, and the Prince, who was leading the field, was seen to be riding in a direct line for the canal, which is hidden from view by a hedge.

The prompt action of a farm labourer named Sturges saved the Prince from a ducking. Sturges ran in front of the galloping horse and shouted to the Prince, stopping him just as he was about to jump.

After the hunt the Prince, bespattered with mud from head to foot, arrived at the station to learn that the train was running about 40 minutes late. He returned to his hunting quarters at Craven Lodge and had a bath and change before boarding the train.

## Shadows Before.

## COMING EVENTS—ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

## Entertainments.

January 15—Queen's Theatre: Reginald Denny in "Take It From Me."

January 15—World Theatre: Lon Chaney, "The Hunch Back of Notre Dame."

January 15—Star Theatre: Katherine Macdonald in "Refuge."

January 15—Isako's Circus at Chater Rd., Kowloon, special matinee, 3 p.m.

January 15—University Women's Hostel holds an "At Home" at St. Stephen's Girls' College, 4 p.m.

January 20—Musical at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

January 21—Hong Kong Automobile Association dinner dance, 8 p.m. to midnight.

January 22—Dance on H.M.S. "Tamar."

January 26—Chinese play by Bellios Public (Girls) School in Queen's College Hall, 8 p.m.

January 29—Theatre Royal, "Red Riding Hood," 9.15 p.m.

Sports.  
January 22—Entries for the forthcoming races close at 3 p.m.

February 5—Next tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Assn.

Meetings.  
January 20—Extraordinary general meeting of China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., 2.30 p.m.

January 20—Annual meeting of the H.K. S.P.C.A. in Messrs. Jardine's board room, 5.15 p.m.

January 27—Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.'s thirty-ninth meeting at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

January 28—Twenty-ninth meeting of the "Star Ferry Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's office, 11 a.m.

January 31—Annual meeting of seat-holders and subscribers, at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.  
January 17—Lecture by Mr. A. H. Crook, on "Are we going West?" at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

January 17—Hong Kong Philharmonic Society's first rehearsal of H.M.S. Pinafore, at Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

January 20—H. K. Philharmonic Society's second rehearsal of H.M.S. Pinafore, at Cathedral Hall, 8.45 p.m.

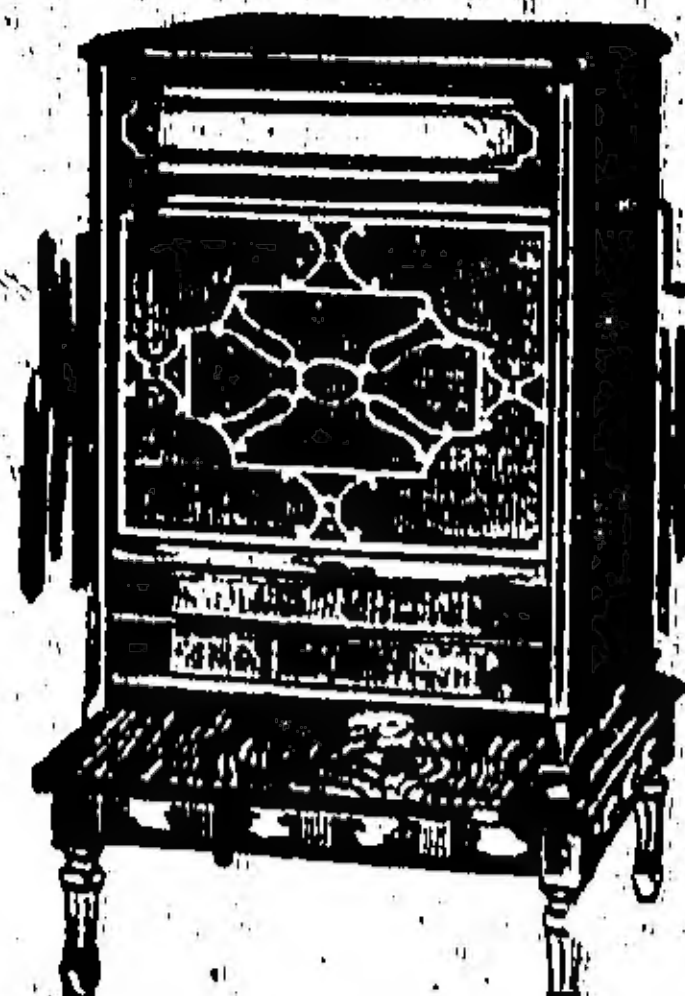
January 25—Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society Burn's Anniversary Dinner, Volunteer Headquarters, 8 p.m.

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The Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society, Burns' Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Volunteer Headquarters, on Tuesday, January 25.

The Corporation of the City of London think so much of Colonel Stuart Sankey, the City Remembrancer, who will retire under the age limit in April next that they have decided to add ten years to his term of service in computing the amount of his pension. He was appointed in April, 1913, at £1,500 a year.

Henceforth Customs regulations regarding the luggage of passengers from overseas are to be more rigid in Australia.

According to a Rome paper, experts are now studying the possibility of erecting a "lighthouse" on the summit of Mount Etna, similar to that near Dijon, which guides aeroplanes leaving from the English side of the Channel. The "lighthouse" on Etna would guide all flying movements at night in the Mediterranean.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London (Sir Rowland and Lady Blades) will visit Paris in civil state, this month.

The mid-winter sale at Messrs. Chellaram's silk store begins on Monday. To-morrow the premises will be re-arranged into a special display for the occasion.

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will be held in Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.'s board room on Thursday next at 5.15 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Ball was allowed in the sum of \$400 at the adjournment of the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday of a case in which Kam Pui, a partner in the Shing Ring firm, of No. 451 Reclamation Street, is alleged to have embezzled sums amounting to \$1,850, the property of the Company.

Letters have been received from Miss Doris Woods in Rangoon where the popular company of Mr. R. B. Salisbury's "Quaints" are playing and breaking records. They are due to open in Penang on Jan. 24 and in Singapore on Feb. 8 when Mr. Salisbury is to receive his "Talking Films."

The following were elected to the Board of Directors of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. at the annual meeting yesterday: Mr. W. C. Chau, Dr. Arthur Woo and Messrs. J. H. Bush, Ngo Chia, and Wong Sum-kam. At its first meeting next week, the new Board will elect a President and other officers.

In connection with C.M.A. week at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon a musical evening was given in the Chatter Room yesterday evening. The entertainment was arranged by Mr. Rupert Baldwin, the organist at St. Andrew's, and those contributing were Mrs. Robson, Miss McGilly, Mr. J. W. Baldwin and Mr. Jackson (songs), and the Rev. W. Walton Rogers (recitations). Pianoforte selections were played by Mr. Rupert Baldwin, and an entertaining competition was conducted by Mrs. J. H. Hunt. During the evening refreshments were served, and the Rev. G. R. Lindsay (Vicar) gave a short address, in which he returned thanks to all who had worked for the Missionary Week, and commented on the success the effort had proved.



Colonel Harold Hartney, who withdrew before disaster overtook the Panek-Sikorsky attempt to fly from New York to Paris, is shown with the model of a propeller for an aeroplane which he has designed for another attempt to fly over the Atlantic.

Judicial proceedings in Jersey concerning the estate of the late Sir Robert Paterson Houston are now at an end, and Lady Houston will be able to enter into complete possession before the end of April of the fortune left her by her late husband.

Copies of the "Yellow Dragon," Queen's College magazine, have been received for November and December. Both reflect the activities of the school, and contain much interesting reading matter. Two notable contributions being a letter over the well-known initials R.E.O.B. from the Pyrenees and an article on William Dampier's impressions of the Chinese of 1687.

The "Royal Sovereign" Lightship, seven miles off Eastbourne, which has done duty for about forty years, has been replaced by a new vessel. The new ship is larger and has improved lights and sound signals.

The largest pleasure craft ever built at Singapore was launched and christened at the Keppel Harbour slipway on Jan. 6. This was the "Black Swan," an auxiliary ketch in which Mr. C. F. F. Wearne and Mr. T. J. B. Wearne propose to cruise through the Malay Archipelago and down to Australia this spring, afterwards visiting Europe and other parts of the world.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The death occurred at Bangkok on December 19, at the age of 72, of Captain Plien, who had travelled more to Europe and America than any other Siamese.

Captain G. M. Moffatt, of the Indian Army Medical Service, has taken up duties in the Colony.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Vida, Mrs. B. Rowe and Mrs. W. E. Clarke arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by the "Empress of Russia" from the North.

Mr. John Galsworthy, the novelist, has arrived at Capetown. He says that he intends to find a quiet place so that he may work at his new Forsyte novel.

The will of Miss Gertrude Bell includes a bequest of £5,000 to the British School of Archaeology in Iraq.

Mr. A. Kirk, engineer of the Re-surrections Office of the Public Works Department, is returning to Hong Kong on the expiry of Home leave. He sailed from London yesterday on the P. & O. "Mongolia" and is due back about the middle of next month.

Miss Lily Elsie (Mrs. Ian Bal-lough), who became famous in the part of the "Merry Widow" at Daly's Theatre nineteen years ago, is turning to the stage. In a new musical play "The Blue Train."

The Duke of York received a sheet of congratulation on Dec. 14 on the occasion of his 51st birthday. The messages included a personal greeting from Prince George who arrived in London that night.

Honorary secretary of St. Peter's Church until he went on long leave last year, Mr. G. W. R. Griggs of the Public Works Department will be back in the Colony with Mrs. Griggs next month as they left London yesterday by the P. & O. s.s. "Mongolia." Mr. Griggs is an overseer in the P.W.D. and was very popular with the congregation of St. Peter's Church.

A message from Berlin states that it is reported that the ex-Kaiser's daughter-in-law, Princess Sophie Charlotte, is engaged to marry a Potsdam military officer, named Von Hedemann, who is much younger than she is. She recently divorced Prince Eitel Friedrich.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Welham expect to leave Marseilles for Malaya on February 18 by the "Mooltan." Mr. Welham, who was editor of the "Straits Echo," is going to Kuala Lumpur as editor of the "Malay Mail."

Mr. C. H. Summers, the "cock" local rifle shot, sailed from London yesterday on the P. & O. s.s. "Mongolia" on the expiry of long leave. He will be back at the Takoo Dock next month and, incidentally, on the rifle range as well. Till going on holiday he was honorary secretary of the Hong Kong Rifle League and had charge of the arrangements for the annual interport shooting matches with Shanghai, Singapore and Penang.

Among the passengers who arrived here yesterday from Vancouver and ports by the "Empress of Russia" were Mr. R. R. Roeburn, Mrs. C. M. Yanovich, Professor A. G. Baker, Lt. J. V. Palmer, Captain A. Brown and Captain J. G. B. Horn.

An enthusiastic officer of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps in Mr. A. H. Penn, of the Bank Line Ltd., will be back in the Colony next month after a holiday at Home. Mr. Penn holds a commission in the Infantry Company. He was on the P. & O. "Mongolia" which left London yesterday for Hong Kong and ports.

Takoo residents will soon be welcoming back Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Eldridge and their family as they sailed from London yesterday on the P. & O. "Mongolia." Mr. Eldridge is a very popular member of the Takoo Dock and Engineering Co.'s staff and was a member of the committee of St. George's Society. He went on Home leave last year and



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The apparent explanation is that the wave of prosperity which helped so many industries in the United States has been a blow to low-priced motor-cars. The public are willing to pay more to secure a motor, as distinct from a "five-day." The Ford sales two years ago totaled nearly 2,000,000 in twelve months, against about 1,800,000 cars sold by all the other motor-car companies. The Ford sales for the first six months of 1926 were about

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### MOTOR LAWS.

COMING END OF SPEED  
LIMIT.

Preparations are being made at the Ministry of Transport for the introduction next session of a Road Vehicles Bill, which, if approved by the Cabinet, will deal in a comprehensive manner with the motor traffic problem.

So far as public vehicles are concerned, the recommendations of a Departmental Committee, framed with the object of ensuring the greater safety of passengers are expected to be fairly closely followed. These recommendations relate mainly to constructional requirements, conditions governing the granting of licences to drivers, and so on.

With respect to private cars, it is proposed that the speed limit for the open road should be abolished, and that the remedy against excessive speed should be a police prosecution in cases where a motorist was held to be driving dangerously.

### MOTOR-COACH SAFETY.

Riding 'Beside Driver to be  
Illegal?

Under the new regulations for motor-coaches which will be incorporated in the Motor Bill to come before Parliament in the New Year, it is stated that conversation between passenger and the man at the wheel will be prohibited.

In his report on the Naworth railway level-crossing crash, in which a motor-coach was involved, Colonel Mount, who conducted the inquiry on behalf of the Minister of Transport, stated that, although it had no immediate bearing on the accident, he wished to call attention to the objectionable arrangement which allowed a passenger to sit on the right-hand side of the driver.

Regulations will also be introduced making the inspection of all public service vehicles by local authorities compulsory.

### MORE TYRE PRICE CUTS.

The Pirelli Tyre Company announce reductions in the prices of their motor-car tyres by an average of 20 per cent, thus bringing them into line with the new reduced prices of the Michelin Tyre Company.

It was ridiculous, Mr. H. C. A. Bingley, the Marylebone magistrate, declared, that the police, the magistrates, and the public should have their time wasted over so many summonses against motorists for merely "piffing" offences. As far as he could see, no discretion was used in the passing of summonses, some of which were too utterly absurd.



Sir Alan and Lady Cobham are shown in their baby plane.

859,000, while the remainder of the industry sold nearly 1,500,000.

Despite official denials, reports persist in New York that Mr. Ford intends soon to launch into a new field of production, with six or even eight-cylinder cars.

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A striking example of the Studebaker export aggressiveness may be seen in the introduction of the Erskine Six, a 2.1/2 litre six-cylinder automobile, at the recent automobile Salon in Paris. The Erskine Six is a car designed on the European light car plan, yet it is possessed of traditional Studebaker stamina and endurance.

### TESTING A MOTORIST.

When a charge of being drunk in charge of a motor-car against William Henderson Leighton, was heard at Newcastle-on-Tyne, both police officers who stopped the defendant, said he was zig-zagging about the road, but both admitted they had got into the car and allowed him to drive to the police station.

Mr. T. Smirk (defending): If you were satisfied that the man was drunk why did you take a drunken man out in the middle of the night? Dr. Stephenson said, although he realised the man had a drink, he thought he might have been capable of driving his car.

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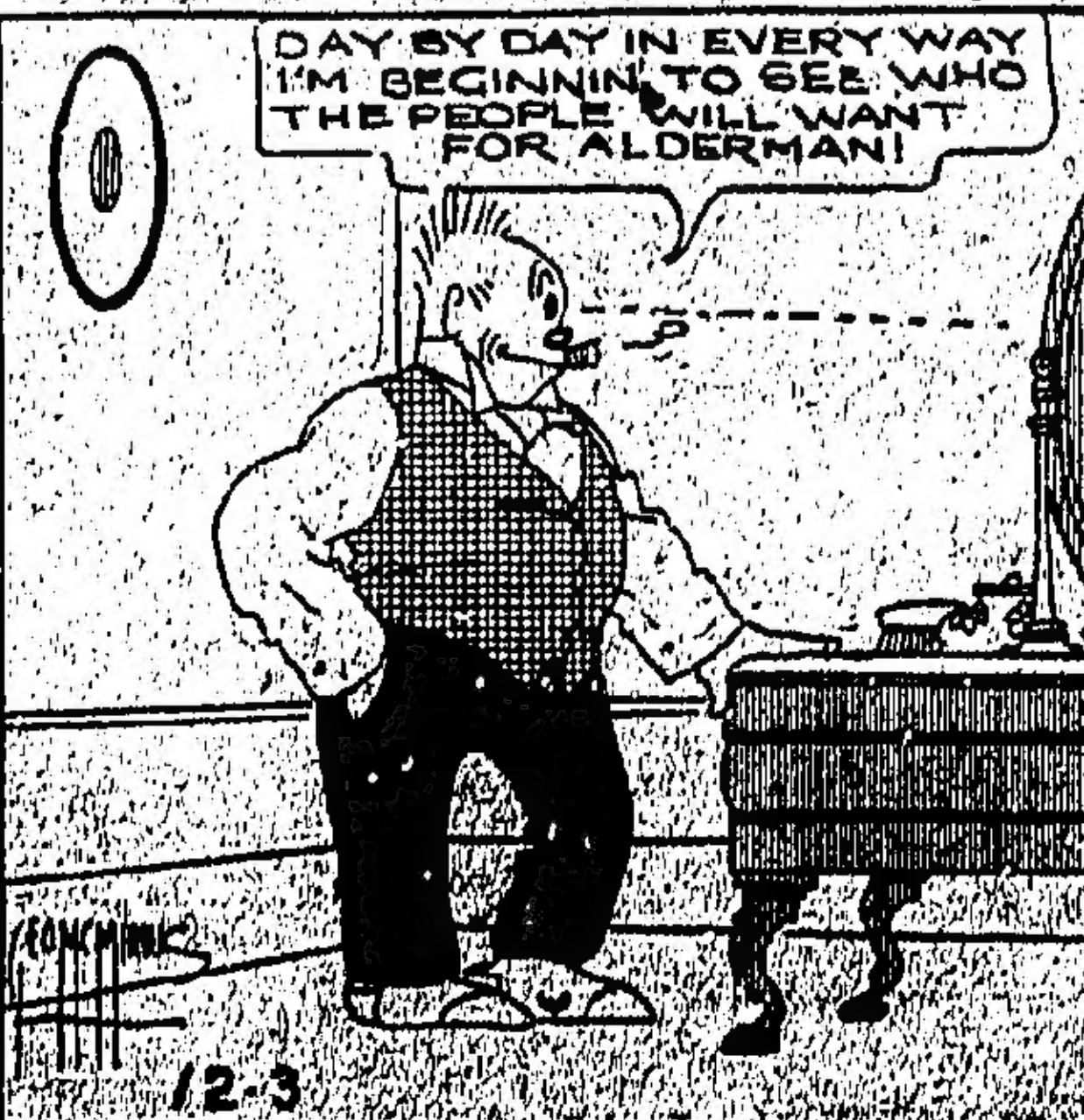
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## THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

The Egyptian Government has decided to open a Consulate at Manchester.

According to an official statement the Polish Government dropped the proposed increase of the military estimates.

Belgrade reports that the Jugoslav Fascist leader Valentinić was badly injured by a peasant who attacked him with a dagger.

A despatch from Berlin announces General von Pawel's departure for Paris, bringing to the Ambassadors' Conference new proposals by the Reich.

Mr. W. H. Ledson, passenger agent for the L.M.S. Railway Co., collapsed and died in a Liverpool tramcar. Deceased was returning from a visit to incoming liners.

In a fire on a British vessel lying in Malaga Harbour, an English seaman named "Butcher" was burned to death and the captain injured, says a Madrid telegram.

Constantinople reports that the banks decided to refuse credit to all merchants frequenting Yildiz Kiosk, the former Sultan's palace on the Bosphorus, now a gaming Casino.

A Labour-Socialist amendment to limit the powers of the County Councils under the Small Holdings and Allotments Bill to leasing and not selling land was defeated in Committee by 215 votes to 119.

Lieut.-Colonel Ashley said in the House of Commons that he was inclined to think that it was not desirable to introduce in London the system in vogue in Paris, whereby passengers boarding omnibuses and tramcars did so in order of numbered tickets obtained from lamp standards at the various stopping places. As a practical objection, it would have the effect of slowing down both omnibuses and tramcars very considerably.

As from Jan. 1, 1927, farm workers or single men who have no farming experience, but have pledged themselves to go on the land, are able to emigrate to Canada for £2, compared with the present fare of £3.

Reporting to the London County Council, the Earl of Haddo explained that the reason why poppies had been removed from wreaths on the Kennington Park War Memorial was that dye in the material had run, owing to the rain, and stained the stone work.

Under a Constitutional Charter of Labour, which has been prepared for Signor Mussolini, there are, it is reported, to be neither masters nor servants in Italy. All are to be equal. State rights and privileges which have been obtained in no other country are to be acquired by the labouring classes.

A settlement was reached of an action for damages against the London General Omnibus Company by a bus conductor, who alleged that he had been wrongfully dismissed and slandered by the accusation that he had taken from a passenger a penny without punching a ticket for the fare. Counsel for the company said that they readily took the plaintiff back into their service, and would make amends fully and frankly, with the hope that the good relations which had existed between themselves and their employees would continue.

Many of the difficulties of the industrial situation were attributed by Dr. James Fenton, Medical Officer of Kensington, in an address at the Institute of Hygiene, to the suicidal rivalry between the sexes which, he said, was a fatal obstacle to the better and harmonious well-being of our race. A permanent "strike" of women doing routine work in shops, offices, and factories, and their immediate absorption into home life, were, of course, Utopian, but we should aim at achieving the same result by a slow process.

The Acerrington Rural Deanery Sunday School Association is to call a meeting to consider whether the Charleston shall be permitted at Sunday school dances.

"Life's What You Make It," a new story by Miss Rosemary Rees, the New Zealand novelist, will shortly be published in serial form by the London "Evening Standard."

Orders have been given for the removal of 522 anti-Fascist agitators to a certain district where they must remain under police surveillance, and report daily or weekly to the authorities.

Dame Nellie Melba sang at the Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road, S.E., in aid of the Duke of Devonshire's fund for saving the historic theatre of Sadler's Wells and establishing it as an "Old Vic" for North London.

Three large owls, a hawk, and a dove, which had been blown out to sea and took refuge in the rigging of the steamship "Exeter, City" on its homeward journey from New York to Bristol, have been presented to Clifton Zoological Gardens.

Sir Frank Dicksee, R.A., reveals the information that Mr. Charles Sims's resignation from the Academy of the Royal Academy followed the Academy Council's official rebuke for absence from the post of keeper, whereby he is entrusted with the care of the Academy's school of 60 students.

Although a steady and undiminished stream of defect or physical impairment of children entering the schools at 5 years of age is noted in the annual report of Sir George Newman, Chief Medical Officer of the Board of Health, the child leaving school at 14 is stated to be better physically in every way than was the "leaver" of twenty years ago. There is not more disease, he says, but more disease is being treated through the existence of the School Medical Service. It is, however, not sufficiently prevented.

## Lines of Interest in the Winter Suit.



There is much to be said for the suit which will dominate the coming winter-time. The silhouette is firmly established, fabrics are known and furs are also important in creating chic.

To begin with, there are two decided types of suits. The suits for sports may be dismissed with but a few words. The informal suit boasts a short jacket and a straight silhouette. All fabrics of the simple kind are used in the suit for mornings and furs of the flat-haired type are used with greatest success. In the afternoon, the suit seeks variety and finds it in lines of great originality and charm.

While the conservative silhouette is the pronounced favourite, it permits many variations. There is the straight lined coat using a rich fox-scarf for a collar, or adding to its smartness by carrying the fur well down to the hem and also elaborating the cuff of the set-in sleeve. The frock which accompanies this coat may be either one or two-piece and use an entirely different fabric but of the same colour.

The straightline coat in a three-quarter model is also seen. It, too, gives a simple silhouette and carries fur down the front for trimming most often. The frock which accompanies this coat is usually of the same fabric and of a one-piece type in youthful outline.

The fared coat is also seen in the smart ensemble. Its coat generally but surely departs from straight

lines at the shoulder and terminates in a decided flare at the hem. Upstanding fur collars and exceedingly well furred cuffs are examples of chic in this type of coat. Fur may or may not be used at the border. Some coats achieve smartness without it while other models use fur in very wide bands about the bottom.

The tiered silhouette is new this season. Coats which possess a series of tiers from top to bottom and finish with a huge upstanding collar of fur are much favoured.

The dolman sleeve is also an important point in many of the newest coats. It is decidedly modish and brings a note of Parisian chic to the coats which are seen about town.

Sleeves hold an important place in all coats. They either fit very snugly or do not fit at all but are in the nature of a cape.

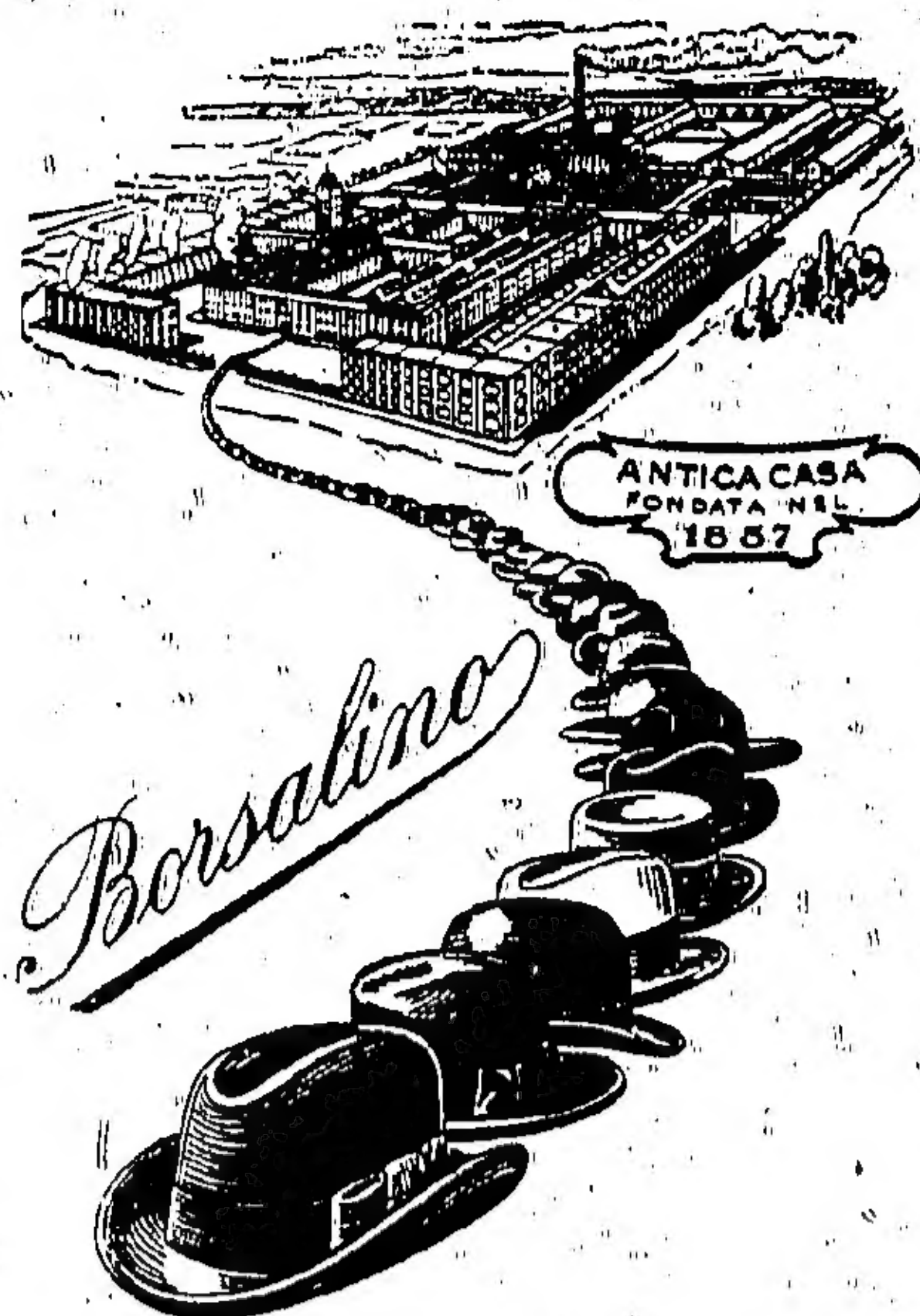
The bolero coat is much seen, while tunic lines also possess a place of first importance.

The blouse back, or the all-around blouse is perhaps the most interesting and novel feature of the new coats. It appears very smartly in all coats and in all fabrics. It is sometimes bloused with a belt and at other times the effect is obtained in a deep, puff effect.

In all coats, however, the importance of luxurious furs is keenly felt. They bring an air of smartness to the suits which advance the newest modes. In the two-piece ensembles, two colours and two fabrics are frequently seen. A complication of cut which appears very simple is the leading motif of the season.

Fabrics for daytime include materials featuring a plain surface. The woollens include crepella, kasha varieties, velour de laine and broadcloth. The more formal ensembles are particularly smart in velvets in all their new appearances. Velvets and fur make the most pleasing combination of the winter season. Form ensembles cloth coats and raised velvet frocks are new. Crepe satin for gowns and stiff satins for coats are also seen while the kasha materials and silks also are seen in interesting combinations.

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## CANTONESE METHODS.

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Underwriters' Rates.  
London, Jan. 14.  
It is noteworthy that underwriters in London, in some instances, are inclined to quote rather lower rates than hitherto against risks, loss or damage by war or civil commotion in China. A rate of 3 per cent. for a month is quoted in some quarters on certain property at Hankow and 2 per cent. per month on other property, whereas previously the general rate was 5 per cent. Furthermore, a rate of 20 per cent. for 2 months is quoted on canned goods in the Foreign Settlements of Shanghai, whereas recently as much as 5 per cent. was quoted on merchandise.—Reuter.

### Chinese Policeman Shot Dead by Japanese Police in Mukden.

Mukden, Jan. 8.  
Chinese police constable, Liu Chun-kang, was shot and killed by a Japanese policeman in Mukden at 10 o'clock on Tuesday night. He received seven bullets. The authorities have lodged with the Japanese Consul a strong protest, though the Japanese declared that it was due to a misunderstanding.  
The Japanese police were rounding up some robbers on Tuesday. It is alleged that when they approached Liu, they opened fire. The Chinese community has expressed the greatest indignation.—Mukden Wireless.

### MORE DISSENSION.

### Another General Turns From Wu.

Peking, Jan. 6.  
According to private reports from Chengchow from apparently reliable quarters, one of General Liu Pei-shan of the 27th Brigade has refused to be organized into Marshal Wu's forces and has taken arms against the latter. Small skirmishes are reported at Linying, south of Chengchow. General Tien Weichin has been ordered to carry out an enveloping movement against these troops.  
Official telegrams from Chengchow are chiefly noticeable from the fact that they speak of the Southern forces as "rebels." These wires declare that an attack on the "rebels" north of Hankow will be carried out shortly. They state that General Tien has 70,000 men ready for active operations.—Reuter.

### THE PERIL IN CHINA.

### Straits Paper's Comment.

The position in Hankow changes so rapidly from day to day that comment is likely to be outstripped by the latest news. Yesterday there seemed to be some easing of the serious and humiliating situation which had existed for two days as a result of the mob forcing entrance into the British Concession, but this morning's wires report the situation as very tense, with the British still in the Concession virtually prisoners, says the "Straits Times" (Singapore) of Jan. 8. It was thought quite not to oppose Chinese entry and the Naval guards and Volunteers were withdrawn, while women and children were evacuated to Shanghai. The moderate element among the Nationalists is said to be alarmed at the extent to which the extremists have gone, and Eugene Chen, the Foreign Minister, has presented belated apologies and promises of speedy restoration of order. Mr. Chen may have thought it wise to do something to placate the very long suffering British authorities. It is all very well talking continually of conciliation and patience regarding this anti-British agitation and insult, but there are some things which stick in the throat, and one of them was the news of the desecration of the War Memorial in the Hankow Concession by a Chinese mob. The most ardent advocate of moderation read this news with profound indignation and disgust, and it is not surprising that there are plenty of advocates of more forceful methods of dealing with the China imbroglio.

### Twisting the Lion's Tail.

Mr. Chen, in the course of his incursions into history, may have read that it is possible to

## GERMAN POLITICS.

### CURTIS UNABLE TO FORM A CABINET.

Berlin, Jan. 14.  
Herr Curtius has notified President von Hindenburg of his failure to form a Cabinet owing to the Centreists not seeing their way clear to co-operate in a Government with Nationalists.—Reuter.

## INDIANS IN AFRICA.

### REPORTED PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT.

Capetown, Jan. 14.  
It is understood that the Round Table Conference (mentioned recently) resulted in the conclusion of a provisional agreement, which requires the ratification of the South African Union and Indian Governments and Parliaments.

### SIAM ROYAL TOUR.

Bangkok, Jan. 6.  
The King and Queen left Bangkok this morning on a tour of northern Siam. They will be absent from the capital for five weeks.

twist the lion's tail too hard. At all events there is a distinctly conciliatory tone about his latest message. He apologises profusely about the war memorial and says that the damage will be immediately repaired. He deprecates as unnecessary the evacuation of British women and children, stating that he can personally guarantee their immunity from danger, and hopes for the speedy resumption of business. If Mr. Chen exercises as much authority as this it is high time that he did something to control the deliberate incitement to provocative acts which is practised by the extremists. Such incidents as those which have occurred in Hankow and other towns this week are the direct result of the speeches made denouncing the British as the arch-enemy of the Chinese people. It is a pity that the news agencies give such publicity to these precious speeches, and resolutions, which envelop them with an aura of importance which they do not deserve, and we are sure that the newspapers would be pleased to dispense with them. Mobs do not make these attacks of their own volition. Agitators spur them on, and the authorities know well where the fountain heads of agitation are to be found. If Mr. Chen is sincere in his hopes of peace being restored he can indicate it by dealing with the agitators forcefully. There have been too many of these incidents followed by apologies, and the British are naturally suspicious of Mr. Chen's word.

## BACK TO POLITICS.

### SEAT FOR SIR HERBERT SAMUEL.

Rugby, Jan. 14.  
The Liberal Party has decided to invite Sir Herbert Samuel to become its candidate at the forthcoming by-election in the Stourbridge division of Worcestershire. In event of success Sir H. Samuel will thus return to domestic politics. As is known he occupied high offices in the Liberal Governments before he became the first British High Commissioner for the Mandated Territory of Palestine. After his retirement from this post last year he was much in the public eye as Chairman of the Coal Commission.—British Wireless Service.

## WIRELESS PHONES.

### TRANSMISSION OF VOICE TO SHIPS.

Rugby, Jan. 14.  
The transmission of the human voice from one merchant ship to another over the Arctic circle is reported by the Hudson Bay Company as having taken place during the last voyage of the steamer "Bay Rupert."  
This ship was fitted with a 100-watt Marconi wireless telephone before starting from Montreal on its voyage to the trading posts in Hudson Bay. Very much greater ranges than had been anticipated were achieved and a speech from the "Bay Rupert" was clearly received in the ships "Baymad" and "Baychimo," which were 600 miles and 1,100 miles distant, respectively.—British Wireless Service.

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### NEW BILL FOR LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

In the "Government Gazette" is published the draft of a Bill to provide against accidents in factories.  
The objects and reasons state: The object of this bill is to give the Governor in Council power to make regulations for the purpose of preventing accidents in factories, for the purpose of prescribing the provision of first aid appliances, and for requiring the notification of accidents in factories and of deaths due to such accidents. The only regulations intended at present are the very simple and reasonable regulations contained in the draft which is published with this bill. The maximum penalty for breach of the regulations is \$250.

### AMERICAN PRESIDENCY.

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